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ABSTRACT

Major actions affecting postsecondary education of the 1975 and 1976 legislative sessions in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and three Canadian provinces are reported. Each state is summarized by area, covering such topics as appropriations and finance, community and junior colleges, student assistance, coordination and governance, faculty and employees, tuition and fees, health professions, and miscellaneous areas. (Author/LBH)

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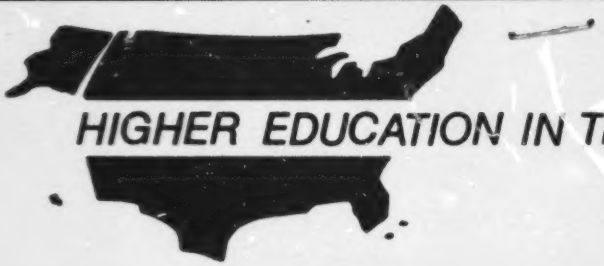

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In This Issue: Major actions affecting postsecondary education of the 1975 and 1976 legislative sessions in the 50 states, District of Columbia and 3 Canadian provinces. Each state is summarized by area, and each area is in alphabetical order (i.e., appropriations/finance, community/junior colleges, etc.) Explanations for the abbreviations of legislative action titles such as HB and SB appear on the bottom of this page (pg. 239).

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The 1975 regular session of the Alabama legislature ended on October 9, 1975. It followed three separate special sessions beginning in the first part of the year. There are two major items of note related to education in Alabama which resulted from the regular session. As provided in the constitutional amendment, approved in 1975, the legislature held its first annual session in 1976, which ended on August 16, 1976. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 25 and No. 4, p. 149, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Appropriations: 1975-76 Total

HB* 9 (1975): The appropriations bill for education, approved in mid-November some one and one-half months into the new state fiscal year, provided significant increases for higher education in Alabama. For the universities total appropriations increased 34.7 percent over 1974-75, junior colleges received an increase of 38.6 percent and vocational-technical colleges at the postsecondary level received a 64.6 percent increase. The total for postsecondary education, including health sciences, increased by 38.3 percent.

1976-77 Operating

HB 388 (1976): In the 1976 legislative session the big news regarding higher education concerned the appropriation of operating funds to the institutions. The amounts appropriated to all senior institutions for instruction, except the two historically black institutions, were reduced by 4 percent over the preceding year's appropriation. The two exceptions, Alabama A&M University and Alabama State University, received the same amount as the prior year. Junior colleges received an increase of 2.2 percent in operating funds, while the appropriation for technical colleges was reduced by 1.6 percent. In total, appropriations for the Alabama postsecondary system were decreased by 2.2 percent.

Coordination/Governance

Governance Change

HB 713; HB 769 (1975): Two universities which had been governed by the State Board of Education — Alabama State University (HB 713) and Alabama A&M University (HB

*AB—Assembly Bill; ACR—Assembly Concurrent Resolution; HB—House Bill; HCR—House Concurrent Resolution; HF—House File; HJR—House Joint Resolution; HR—House Resolution; KRS—Kentucky Revised Statutes; LB—Legislative Bill; LD—Legislative Document; PA—Public Act; PL—Public Law; SB—Senate Bill; SCR—Senate Concurrent Resolution; SF—Senate File; SJR—Senate Joint Resolution; SR—Senate Resolution; SA—Special Act; SHB—Substitute House Bill.

769) — were granted separate boards of trustees during the legislative session. This action leaves the state's junior colleges and technical colleges and schools as the only postsecondary education institutions under the governance of the board.

Miscellaneous

Sunset Law

SB 128 (1976) A bill which indirectly affects higher education was passed by the legislature during the regular session. Commonly called the "Sunset Bill," it calls for a legislative review of all state agencies at least once every four years. This review will form the basis for a legislative decision as to whether each agency should be continued. This concept, while new to Alabama, is not new to the Commission on Higher Education, as it is the only state coordinating agency which is required, in its enabling legislation, to have an independent evaluation performed every four years.

Defeated Bills: 1975—Meet and Confer; Student Aid; Regulation of Institutions; Book Deposits; Commission Change

Bills introduced but not passed in the 1975 legislative session include:
SB 127: established procedures whereby school boards and school employees would meet and confer; HB 289: established a student financial assistance program; HB 127: provided tuition waivers for citizens over 65 years of age; HB 1026: authorized free tuition for one academic year for high school graduates who maintained a C average or better during their senior year; HB 479: would have prohibited any institution of higher learning from offering courses within a 25 mile radius of any other institution; HB 504: would have required each institution of higher education to maintain equal deposits in each state or nationally charged bank within the corporate limits in which the institution is located; SB 139: a bill to abolish the Commission on Higher Education was replaced by one to merge the commission and the Alabama Education Study Commission. This substitute bill was replaced by a bill which would have strengthened the commission (final bill passed senate but was not reported out of committee in the house).

1976—Aid to Private; Commission Change

Bills introduced but not passed in the 1976 legislative session include:
HB 211-215: bills to fund five private schools that had traditionally received state aid (legislation has been prefiled for next year that would appropriate funds to virtually every private postsecondary institution in the state) and HB 372: to strengthen the Commission on Higher Education by granting it program approval authority.

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The second regular session of the ninth legislature convened at Juneau, January 12, 1976 and adjourned June 1, 1976. The following legislative information was compiled from a summary of Alaska legislation prepared by the Legislative Affairs Agency in July, 1976. A report of 1975 legislation was not available. See also Vol. 5, No. 4, p. 150, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Salary Increases

HB 628 (1976): Makes supplemental appropriations for cost-of-living and salary increases for state employees covered by collective bargaining agreements.

Annual Financial Reports

HB 213 (1976): Requires the Board of Regents in its annual report to the legislature on the condition of university property to include in the statement of receipts and expenditures the administration and disposition of both appropriated and restricted funds; requires the report also to include information as to the administration and disposition of funds from sources other than state appropriations or federal grants.

Trust Fund

SB 518 (1976): Provides that gifts, bequests or endowments to the university may be made to the existing fund under which money derived from the sale or lease of lands granted under the Act of Congress of January 1929 is held in trust.

Coordination/Governance

Institutional Regulation

HB 143 (1976): Broadens the statute regulating postsecondary education institutions (commonly known as the "anti-diploma mill" law) by establishing minimum standards concerning quality of education offered by postsecondary education institutions.

Health Professions

Nursing Licensure

SB 492 (1976): Permits the State Board of Nursing to consider whether a professional nursing education undertaken by an applicant for a license to practice professional or practical nursing in any locality outside the state meets the minimum requirements of the board for an accredited course of study.

Podiatry Licensure

HB 524 (1976): Includes the practice of podiatry within the licensing statutes for physicians and osteopaths and provides a definition of the practice of podiatry.

Licensing Investigation

HB 574 (1976): Among other things, requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to provide investigative service to licensing boards.

Student Assistance

HB 663 (1976): Relates to educational assistance programs for members of the Alaska National Guard and Naval Militia. — *Student Aid: National Guard*

HB 899 (1976): Makes various changes in the tuition grant segment of the student financial aid program administered by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education. — *Tuition Grants*

Miscellaneous

SB 553 (1976): Directs the University of Alaska to confer with the planning commission of the municipality to determine if the welfare of the public is properly protected before the construction of a building or other structure in a municipality. — *Public Protection*

SB 691 (1976): Changes the name of the Alaska Educational Broadcasting Commission to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission; expands the commission to include representation from the field of communication. — *Public Broadcasting*

SB 630 (1976): Exempts from age discrimination prohibitions of AS 18.80 apprenticeship programs registered by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the U.S. Department of Labor or apprenticeship programs which meet standards equivalent to those of registered programs. — *Apprenticeship Programs*

SB 320 (1976): Amends the accountancy act (AS 08.04); including establishing procedures for registration of certified public accountants and requires the State Board of Public Accountancy to prescribe requirements for continuing education. — *Registration of Accountants*

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No legislation of particular significance to higher education was enacted in 1975. The Arizona legislature concluded its 1976 regular session on June 24, 1976, the longest session on record. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 27 and No. 4, p. 151, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

HB 2005 (1976): Approved the use of previously appropriated but unexpended capital outlay funds for purchase of library equipment at the University of Arizona. — *Appropriations: Library*

HB 2017 (1976): Appropriated $1,194,000 to the Board of Regents for furnishings, equipment and bookstacks for the library at the University of Arizona.

HB 2057 (1976): Appropriated $1,500,000 to the regents for equipping the multi-purpose stadium-fieldhouse and physical education facility at Northern Arizona University. — *Capital*

HB 2129 (1976): Appropriated $2,310,600 to the regents for the construction, additions to, alterations, remodeling, the purchase of equipment and furnishings and for the general improvement and development of the grounds at the three universities.

SB 1005 (1976): Appropriated $500,000 to the State Board of Directors for Community Colleges for payment of the state's share for capital improvements on the Aravaipa campus, which is an additional campus of the Pinal County Community College District.

HB 2436 (1976): The general appropriations bill for fiscal year 1976-77 appropriated operating funds of $153,223,800 to the Board of Regents and the universities, $38,227,000 for the community colleges (of which $7,430,400 was for capital outlay), and $767,000 for programs of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). This included an 8 percent cost-of-living increase. — *General*

HB 2063 (1976): Supplemental appropriation immediately provided $3,560,000 to the State Board of Directors for Community Colleges — $2,848,000 for operating expenditures and $712,000 for capital outlay. — *Two-year Colleges Supplemental*

Community/Junior Colleges (see also appropriations/finance)

HB 2137 (1976): Requires the community college district boards in the state to obtain their own insurance on community college buildings. — *Two-year Colleges: Insurance*

SB 1222 (1976): Establishes a change in the method of making appropriations to the public-supported community colleges. Heretofore, appropriations have been made based on estimated full-time equivalent (FTE) students, and, when the actual count was determined, a supplemental appropriation request was submitted to the legislature. With the enactment of this bill, if the actual number of FTE students is less than the estimated — *Funding and Formulas*

number, the excess monies appropriated shall revert to the state general fund at the end of the fiscal year or if the actual number of FTE students exceeds the estimated number, the districts shall not be compensated for the excess.

Coordination/Governance

Out-of-State Student Placement

HB 2102 (1976): Authorizes WICHE to make arrangements for the placement of students in institutions and programs of higher learning outside the states which are members of WICHE.

Board Appointments

SCR 1009 (1976): An amendment to the state constitution will be submitted to the electorate on the 1976 general election ballot which, if approved, would make it necessary that the appointments of the governor to the regents and other state educational institutions be made with the consent of the senate.

Upper-division Branch

HB 2143 (1976): This bill provided for a committee to study the feasibility of establishing a branch campus of Arizona State University in Western Maricopa county for upper division and graduate studies.

Faculty and Employees

Employees: Insurance Standards

HB 2158 (1976): Authorizes the state personnel board to adopt standards to establish group health and accident coverage for former state employees who are retired and receiving income from a retirement program. The retiree will provide the funds for payment of the premium.

Salary System Plan

SB 1222 (1976): Requires the regents to report to the legislature on or before January 15, 1977 on a plan to establish a system of equivalent wages and salaries for all employees and supervisory personnel other than administrators and faculty members at the three state universities. The plan shall include the establishment of uniform job and position classifications, equivalent salary and wage scales within such classifications and uniform job and position descriptions.

Miscellaneous

Energy Research Site

SB 1057 (1976): This bill authorizes the Board of Regents to convey to the Federal Energy Research and Development Administration three hundred contiguous acres of property in Tempe, Arizona, controlled by the board, if such location is selected as the permanent site of the National Solar Energy Research Institute.

Defeated Bills: Collective Bargaining

Bills introduced in the 1976 legislature which failed to pass:
SB 1086: enabled professional school employees to organize for negotiation with employers, prescribed procedures for recognition as a negotiating unit, and provided for appointment of mediator or fact finder when impasse in negotiations was reached and for arbitration in disputes over interpretation or application of agreements; SB 1412: permitted school employee bargaining with respect to terms and conditions of employment or professional service; HB 2004: provided for a system of collective bargaining for use by public employers; SB 1098: authorized and directed the governor, in the name of the state, to join with other states in ECS; SB 1172: limited full-time student enrollment on any one state university campus to not more than 35,000 students; HB 2174 and SB 1289: provided for the appointment of student members to the Arizona Board of Regents; SB 1404: allowed waiver of tuition and fees at state universities for certain foreign students admitted to the country by the U.S. Attorney General.

Compact for Education

Enrollments

Student Regents

Tuition Waivers

1202 Commission

Regulation

Student Aid

Veterans Aid

Regents' Powers-Tenure

Strikes

Also not passed in 1976 were:
SB 1439: established by statute the Commission for Postsecondary Education (1202 commission); SB 1446: provided for a board to regulate the establishment of postsecondary institutions; SB 1451: allocated state funds for the use of the Commission for Postsecondary Education for matching federal funds to be available for needy students under the federal State Student Incentive Grant program; HB 2168: granted a waiver of $50 for each semester for veterans who had a valid certificate of eligibility upon registration at a state-supported community college, college or university; HB 2186: referred to a change in the general administrative powers of the regents and provided that appointments and employment should in no way provide for tenure or any restriction on termination for any faculty member; HB 2291: prohibited strikes by public employees and employee organizations, provided penalties for strikes and prescribed procedures for strike determination and appeals.

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The Arkansas General Assembly met in regular session during the first three months of 1975. Several measures enacted during the session were of significance to higher education. Arkansas did not hold a regular session in 1976, but a brief special session was

held in the spring. Most of the higher education items in this session were enacted for the purpose of making corrections. Bill numbers were not available for 1975 or 1976. The next legislative session begins in early 1977. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 28 and No. 4, p. 152, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also faculty/employees)

Appropriations: Operating

(1975): Operating funds for higher education were increased by $29 million for 1976-77 over the 1974-75 fiscal year. Total operating appropriations for 1976-77 were approximately $115 million, which represents an increase of 20 percent. Appropriations for 1975-76 are approximately $108 million. Appropriations for construction were in excess of $26.5 million, a significant portion of which was for the renovation and rehabilitation of the campus of the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff.

Capital

(1975): Line-item maximum salaries as recommended by the Board of Higher Education were adopted almost in total for the first time since the creation of the board. Institutions were authorized to increase salaries in top administrative positions in the range of 20-30 percent and by 10-20 percent in faculty positions. After the adoption of these maximum increase authorizations, the General Assembly requested the institutions to report any increases which exceeded 10 percent.

Salary Increases

Act 5 (1975): Requires all cash funds of colleges, universities and other state agencies be subject to preaudit by the state. Prior to this legislation, colleges and universities maintained control over all cash funds they received and disbursement was possible without preaudit provisions.

Preaudit

Community/Junior Colleges (See also coordination/governance)

Two-year Colleges: Funding Source

(1975): Provides for district tax support for capital needs of community colleges and operating funds provided by state appropriation.

(1975): A community college-type institution was created at El Dorado as a branch of Southern State College. This institution will have a local advisory board but the Board of Trustees of Southern State College is charged with ultimate operating responsibility.

Branch Campuses

(1975): Southwest Technical Institute located at Camden was made a branch campus of Southern State College. This institution was formerly a vocational-technical school offering highly technical programs and operated by the Department of Education.

HCR 22 (1975): Requested that the Board of Higher Education develop a statewide plan for vocational-technical education, including recommendations for kindergarten through doctoral programs. The plan was approved by the board in April 1976 and presented to the joint interim committee in May.

Statewide Voc-Tech Plan

Coordination/Governance

Act 903 (1975): Requires the Board of Higher Education to certify the establishment of any new college or university in Arkansas, any proprietary school that desired to offer a degree and any institution in another state planning to offer instruction within the state.

Coordination: Institutional Regulation

(1975): The Arkansas Postsecondary Education Commission (1202 commission), created in 1974 by executive order of the governor, was confirmed by the 1975 legislature.

1202 Commission

(1975): As part of the first State Plan for Off-Campus Instruction, adopted in 1974, several pieces of legislation related to off-campus instruction were adopted by the 1975 legislature.

Off-campus Programs

(1975): Based on recommendations of the Board of Higher Education, the name of Henderson State College was changed to Henderson State University and State College of Arkansas was renamed the University of Central Arkansas. Legislation was also adopted which would allow the two remaining colleges to change their names by a vote of their boards of trustees and concurrence by the Board of Higher Education.

Institutional Name Change

Act 975 (1975): Requires the Board of Higher Education to develop criteria for the establishment of branch campuses and give prior approval before any more such campuses are created. In addition, legislation was passed which placed a limit on the number of community colleges that could be authorized by the board.

Establishment of Branch Campuses & Two-year Colleges

Faculty/Employees (see also appropriations/finance)

(1976): A total of $108,000 was appropriated to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff to be used to equalize salaries under similar institutions in the state.

Faculty Salaries

Student Assistance

(1975): Under a new state scholarship program, enacted in 1975, grants up to a maximum of $300 can be made to students enrolled for their first year of study, who are residents of Arkansas, can show financial need and capability of benefiting from college and are enrolled in a public or private institution located in Arkansas which has been approved for the program. The first program is administered by the Department of Higher Education.

Student Aid: Scholarships

Student Loans

(1975): Legislation was adopted creating a new Student Loan Board, that is authorized to sell bonds and use the proceeds to make direct guaranteed loans to students.

Academic Common Market

(1975): Authorization was given for the Department of Higher Education to administer the Academic Common Market for Arkansas. This is a program developed by the Southern Regional Education Board for the sharing of certain graduate instructional programs on a regional basis.

Aid to Elderly

Act 678 (1975): Waives student fees at colleges and universities for people over the age of 60.

Miscellaneous

Engineering Program

(1975): An act was passed to create an engineering program at Arkansas State University. Prior to final passage, however, it was amended to require the Board of Higher Education to approve the program before it is implemented.

Law School

(1975): An act was passed expanding the former evening law school in Little Rock to a full-time day program. The previous operation was administered through the law school at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, but the expanded program will be administered through the University of Arkansas, Little Rock.

Desegregation Plan

(1975): Arkansas is one of the states required by the federal Office for Civil Rights to develop and implement a plan for the desegregation of higher education institutions. Funds were appropriated during the 1975 session to the Department of Higher Education and to the colleges and universities to implement the various aspects of the plan.

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The 1974-76 biennial session of the California legislature began in December 1974 and ended in August 1976. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 31 and No. 4, p. 228, for additional legislative information.

Budget Act

Appropriations/Finance (see also private institutions and student assistance)
SB 199 (1975): State budget act for 1975-76.

Capital Bonds

SB 156 (1975): Provides for a $50 million bond issue for community college capital outlay.

Two-Year Colleges:

Community/Junior Colleges (see also appropriations/finance and coordination/governance)

Nonresident Fees

SB 82 (1975): Exempts from the requirement that community college districts charge a fee to nonresident students any community college district which borders on another state and has fewer than 500 average daily attendance.

Admissions

SB 470 (1975): Requires the governing board of a community college district to admit any person possessing a high school diploma or the equivalent.

Coordination/Governance

Coordination/Governance

Student Records

SB 182 (1975): Requires community college districts to set regulations for establishing, maintaining and destroying student records.

Student Trustee

SB 534 (1975): Adds a student member to the Board of Trustees of the California State University and Colleges.

Voc-Tech Advisory Council

SB 800 (1975): Requires the Advisory Council on Vocational Education and Technical Training to submit a statement describing its consultation with various other state agencies; requires certain specified functions of the council.

Governing Board Requirements

AB 229 (1975): Requires governing boards of postsecondary education institutions to establish a child development fund; defines "student family" and "low income family."

Enrollment Reporting

AB 557 (1975): Directs the Postsecondary Education Commission to develop uniform standards and criteria for reporting and estimating student enrollment at the University of California and the California State University and Colleges.

Adult and Vocational Councils

AB 1821 (1975): Provides for creation of regional adult and vocational education councils throughout the state.

Part-time/Noncredit Policies Study

AB 4325 (1976): Requires the commission, in cooperation with the public and private segments of postsecondary education, to study the policies and practices relating to part-time students and nondegree credit and noncredit postsecondary education activities.

Faculty/Employees

Employees: Collective Bargaining

SB 160 (1975): Grants collective bargaining rights to public school employees in grades K-14.

Librarians

SB 772 (1975): Permits California State University and Colleges librarians to choose to be employed on a 10-month basis.

Evaluation

SB 846 (1975): Requires procedures established by a community college district for evaluation of contract and regular employees to be uniform for employees with similar duties.

Personnel Files

SB 955 (1975): Requires every employer, at reasonable times upon the request of an employee, to permit the employee to inspect his/her personnel file.

Grievance/Discipline

AB 804 (1975): Requires the California State University and Colleges board to establish grievance and disciplinary procedures for academic employees.

Health Professions

Physician Certificates

SB 139 (1975): Authorizes the awarding of surgeon and physician certificates to applicants who have completed a medical curriculum in a medical school both chartered under a U.S. university and a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Health Sciences Plan

AB 1748 (1976): Requires the Postsecondary Education Commission to develop a health sciences education plan by March 1, 1978.

Private Institutions

Private Schools Study

AB 622 (1975): Appropriates $10,000 to the commission to conduct a study of the financial condition of independent institutions.

Student Assistance

Student Aid: Occupational Training

AB 209 (1975): Requires the State Scholarship and Loan Commission to recognize applicants enrolled in a three-year hospital-based program for occupational education and training grants.

Change in Student Aid Agency

AB 1931 (1975): Renames the State Scholarship and Loan Commission the Student Aid Commission, adds two student members and a secondary school representative and provides that part-time students be eligible for aid.

Opportunity Study

AB 1478 (1975): Appropriates $20,000 to the Postsecondary Education Commission to conduct a study of educational opportunity grant programs.

Eligibility Testing No Age Limit

AB 2039 (1975): Authorizes the use of testing to determine the eligibility of state scholarship applicants and eliminates the maximum age limitation of 30 years to be eligible for an occupational education and training grant.

Aid to Elderly

SB 274 (1975): Permits the State University and Colleges trustees to establish at two campuses, a two-year pilot project where persons 60 years of age or older may enroll in regular courses without payment of fees.

Aid to Veterans' Dependents

AB 196 (1975): Adds the children of any U.S. veteran who has been killed in service or has died of a service-connected disability to persons who state-owned institutions may not charge tuition or fees if annual income of child and parent does not exceed $5,000.

Tuition/Fees

Nonresident Tuition

AB 2182 (1975): Permits nonresident State University and Colleges students to pay nonresident tuition fees in equal installments, but requires nonresident and resident students to pay registration fees at the same time.

Miscellaneous

Teacher Education

SB 559 (1975): Requires that the fifth year of study, required for a teaching credential, be completed within five years from the issuance of the preliminary credential.

Accreditation

AB 369 (1975): Authorizes the superintendent of public instruction to apply to the U.S. Office of Education for recognition as an accrediting agency for private vocational schools.

Public Broadcasting

AB 525 (1975): Enacts the public broadcasting act and creates the Public Broadcasting Commission to develop state policy for the growth and development of public broadcasting with an institutional advisory committee.

Female Athletics

AB 1558 (1975): Requires the State University and Colleges trustees to insure that reasonable amounts of funds for athletics from the general fund will be allocated to both male and female students; requires annual reports on progress in providing incentives to females to engage in athletics.

SB 1751 (1975): Appropriates $20,000 to the Postsecondary Education Commission to

WICHE Study

study desirability of California's continued membership in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Defeated Bills: Regulation Student Aid

1976 measures not passed include:
AB 1854: required the Postsecondary Education Commission to study procedures used to approve institutions; AB 2773: appropriated funds to Student Aid Commission for pilot programs to increase accessibility of postsecondary opportunities to low-income high school and community college students; AB 2810: required the Postsecondary Education Commission to report on representation of ethnic minorities and women within California institutions; AB 4323: provided money for the development of three pilot regional postsecondary education service centers; AB 4326: appropriated funds for a four-year pilot competitive grant for consortia and other groups of institutions; AB 3375: created a state instructional improvement fund; AB 3400: created a community service fellowship program; and AB 4353: set certain limits on Commission membership (vetoed by the governor).

Minorities/Women
Regional Service Centers; Consortia
Instructional Improvement; Community Service; Commission Members

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The Colorado General Assembly met in "long session" in 1975 from January 8 to July 1. During the "long session" it may consider any legislation proposed by a member and out of the 1,224 bills introduced, 384 passed. Of the bills that passed 23 related to higher education. An additional 53 bills pertaining to higher education, some of major significance, were introduced but did not pass. The legislature met in "short session" in 1976 from January 7 to May 28. Under constitutional provisions, the legislature may deal only with subjects designated in writing by the governor during the first 10 days of the session. Accordingly, relatively few items concerning higher education were considered, other than in the appropriation bill. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 33 and No. 4, p. 153, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Bilingual Education

HB 1295 (1975): Establishes a program of bilingual-bicultural education for students in grades kindergarten through third grade that provides for the identification and education of students with linguistically different skills or culturally different environments and appropriates $2,350,000 for the implementation of this act.

Commission Reduction

The 1976 legislature's action in reducing the functions and staff of the Commission on Higher Education was described in the Colorado report which appears in *Higher Education in the States* (vol. 5, no. 4).

Coordination/Governance (see also appropriations/finance)

Student Board Members

HB 1232 (1975): Provides for a nonvoting student member of the governing boards of state colleges and universities.

Institutional Name Change

HB 1381 (1975): Changes the name of Southern Colorado State College to the University of Southern Colorado. The bill specified that the role of the institution would not change and that no additional appropriations would be necessary to carry out its purposes.

Faculty/Employees

Faculty Dismissal Hearings

HB 1234 (1975): Defines the grounds and provides basic requirements for notice and hearing in cases of dismissal and nonrenewal of contract, or reduction in force, for full-time faculty members at state institutions of higher education (excludes Colorado and Colorado State Universities, University of Northern Colorado and Colorado School of Mines).

Defeated Bills: 1975—Collective Bargaining

Bills introduced but not passed in the 1975 session include:
Eight bills providing for public employee collective bargaining — one pertaining only to teachers, the others applying more comprehensively to state or to state and local government employees; and identical bills introduced in both houses to extend to Colorado residents in private institutions in the state the student aid programs now available to resident students in the public institutions. (Although each bill passed in the originating house, proposed levels of funding differed as the bills were amended and the legislation ultimately died.)

Aid to Private

1976—Collective Bargaining

Bills considered but not passed during the 1976 session include:
HB 1119: to authorize bargaining by public school teachers and HB 1172: to extend some of Colorado's student financial aid programs now available to Colorado resident students in the public institutions to residents in regionally-accredited private institutions (similar to bill introduced in 1975).

Aid to Private

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The 1975 regular session of the legislature convened January 5 and adjourned in June. The short session of the 1976 legislature convened February 4 and adjourned in May. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 35 and No. 4, p. 155, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also community/junior colleges)

Appropriations: Fiscal 1976

SA 41 (1975): Appropriations act for the expenses of the state for fiscal period ending June 30, 1976; includes funds for the Commission for Higher Education.

Fiscal 1977

SA 40 (1976): Appropriations act for state expenses for fiscal period ending June 30, 1977; includes $21,426,000 for regional community colleges, $5,212,136 for state technical colleges, $34,740,112 for state colleges, and funds for the commission.

Capital Bonds

SA 84 (1976): Authorizes bonds of the state for capital improvements and other purposes; to be used for specific projects described in the act, including payment of architectural, engineering, demolition or related costs; payment of the cost of long-range capital programming; and space utilization studies.

Community/Junior Colleges (see also coordination/governance)

Two-year Colleges: Responsibilities

PA 100 (1975): Specifies five responsibilities of regional community colleges, including the responsibility to provide community service programs as defined in the act.

Auxiliary Services and Extension Programs

PA 604 (1975): Directs that auxiliary service funds be used for the operation, maintenance and repair of auxiliary service facilities and for such other activities at the state technical colleges as the Board of Trustees determines and that extension funds be used as the board determines for the operation of such state colleges' extension programs and summer school sessions as may be established and for the purchase of equipment as required to operate such programs.

PA 582 (1975): Provides that the Board of Trustees of Regional Community Colleges may establish and maintain a community college auxiliary services fund to be used for the operation, maintenance and repair of auxiliary activities at the regional community colleges.

SA 57 (1976): Approves application of auxiliary services funds for the development of outdoor recreational facilities at Manchester Community College.

Programs for the Deaf

SA 62 (1976): Provides funds for programs for the deaf at Northwestern Community College, provided such appropriation shall be reduced to the extent that federal funds are granted for such purpose.

Coordination/Governance

Coordination/Governance: Commission Responsibilities

PA 191 (1975): Specifies the responsibilities of the Commission for Higher Education and adds new section related to the goals of higher education.

Student Board Members

PA 262 (1975): Provides for student representation on the governing boards of the public institutions and that student representatives be elected by students enrolled at the institutions under jurisdiction of said board.

Career/Voc. Ed. Master Plan

PA 422 (1975): Directs the State Board of Education to prepare, with the advice of specified representatives, a five-year master plan for career and vocational education, including 10 elements to be included in the plan.

Board for State Academic Awards

PA 442 (1975): Amends the Board for State Academic Awards statute and adds provision for necessary administrative and clerical staff and funding for other operational expenses of the board; places the board within the Commission for Higher Education.

Alumni Board Members

PA 504 (1975): Provides, among other things, for alumni representation on the governing boards of public institutions.

Faculty/Employees

Collective Bargaining

PA 566 (1975): Concerns collective bargaining for state employees, defines scope of bargaining and provides that the State Board of Labor Relations shall administer the act.

Health Professions

Health Fields: Regional Veterigary School

PA 584 (1975): Supports the establishment of and Connecticut participation in a New England College of Veterinary Medicine to be established and maintained by the New England Board of Higher Education.

Goals Commission

SA 77 (1975): Creates a blue ribbon commission to establish specific goals for the

University of Connecticut health center, comprised of six persons representative of the general public and appointed by the governor, at least one of whom shall not be affiliated with any medical or health profession.

Optometry Contracts

PA 288 (1976): Permits the Commission for Higher Education to contract with the New England Board of Higher Education for program offerings in the health professions with preference given for contracts that insure spaces for optometry programs.

Veterinary School Plan

SA 76 (1976): Directs the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut, with the help of an advisory committee, to develop a plan for the establishment of a school of veterinary medicine.

Goals Commission

SA 24 (1976): Amends the act that created the blue ribbon commission to establish specific goals for the University of Connecticut health center to extend the date its report is due to January 1977.

Private Higher Education

Proprietary School Contracts

PA 410 (1976): Authorizes the Commission for Higher Education to extend contracts to licensed postsecondary proprietary schools, in addition to independent colleges to provide spaces for Connecticut residents.

Student Assistance (see also tuition and fees)

Student Aid

PA 574 (1975): Specifies that for students receiving state aid and veterans' benefits, any determination of the amount of state aid to be given to an individual shall not include consideration of any veterans benefits the student is receiving.

Tuition/Fees

Tuition Waivers

PA 484 (1975): Specifies that the public governing boards may waive or remit the tuition of individuals who have been accepted for admission and who demonstrate a substantial financial need, provided the tuition of not more than 1 percent of the total number of full-time students enrolled in the individual segments in any semester shall be so waived or remitted.

Tuition Exemption

PA 313 (1976): Exempts students at the Connecticut Policy Academy from tuition payments at state or community colleges.

Fees Increase

PA 181 (1976): Increases resident and nonresident fees for public postsecondary institutions and provides that any amount by which the tuition exceeds certain specific amounts shall be included in the appropriations to the constituent unit and used solely for educational purposes.

Miscellaneous

Religious Holiday Makeup

PA 367 (1975): Provides that when students are absent due to religious beliefs it shall be the responsibility of the faculty and administrative officials of each institution to make available to each student an equivalent opportunity to make up any examination, study or work requirement; grants allowance of time to students and teachers for silent meditation.

Child-care Centers

PA 444 (1975): Provides that the board of trustees of any constituent unit of the state system may allocate funds from its general fund appropriations for any expenses incurred in connection with the operation of a child-care center utilized in its instructional program and may charge fees for the use of such centers.

Handicapped Accessibility

PA 503 (1975): Revises the state building codes to incorporate as minimum requirements, the provisions of the American National Standards Committee specifications for making buildings and facilities accessible to and usable by the physically handicapped.

Student Discipline/ Faculty Dismissal

PA 529 (1975): Provides that the board of trustees for public institutions develop written statements of policy concerning personnel policies and student discipline and promulgate procedures for dismissal of employees and students.

Affirmative Action

PA 536 (1975): Directs state agencies, departments, boards and commissions to develop affirmative action plans to be filed with the Committee on Human Rights and Opportunity twice annually.

Teacher Education

PA 556 (1975): Concerns inservice training for teachers and defines experienced teachers as individuals who have tenure under provisions of the General Statutes.

Campus Police

PA 178 (1976): Establishes a police force at the four state colleges in addition to the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

Vetoes: Student Claim Protection:

Two items introduced but vetoed by the governor in the 1976 session include:
PA 384: to extend to students in the University of Connecticut health center or in a field program of another unit of the state system, protection from financial loss for claim of damages against them based upon an act committed in the discharge of their duties; and

PA 416: to replace the State Scholarship Commission with a new State Student Financial Assistance Commission. *New Student Aid Agency*

DELAWARE

Delaware State College
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Luna I. Mishoe, President

The Delaware General Assembly, meeting for the 128th session, convened January 14, 1975 and adjourned June 30. The 1976 regular session was held from January 12 to June 30, 1976, with a special session convened in September. See also Vol. 4, No. 2, p. 39, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

HB 678 (1975): Supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1975 to agencies for operating funds to help offset unanticipated cost increases brought about by rapid rise in fuel costs. *Appropriations: Supplemental*

SB 431 (1975): Operating funds for fiscal year 1976 for the state government, its agencies and tax-assisted units for a total sum of $413,751,530. *Operating*

HB 711 (1975): Provided $95,077,150 through issuance of bonds and notes for expenditures for capital improvements by the state, its agencies and tax-assisted units. *Capital*

SB 573 (1976): An act to provide a supplementary appropriation to Delaware State College to be used to complete a sewage treatment project. *Supplemental*

SB 1296 (1976): Authorizes and directs the State Treasurer to transfer $255,000 from funds appropriated for fringe benefits to Delaware State College in the 1977 appropriation act to the salary line of employees of the college for the purpose of paying the salaries of 30 employees that are presently being paid out of college funds. *Salaries*

Coordination/Governance

SB 382 (1975): Transferred the Educational Television Resource Center on the campus of Delaware State College to the trustees of the college to be effective July 1, 1981, and to be used to support the educational program of the college. *Governance: Educational Television*

Section 69 of State Budget Bill (1976): Authorizes the Delaware State Clearinghouse Committee to approve and disapprove applications for federal aid. *Federal Aid Approval*

SB 711 (1976): Affirms the authority and responsibility of the trustees of Delaware State College in connection with the control of the college's fees, tuition and other revenues including funds received by gift, devise or grant; further provides that the trustees furnish annually a financial report to the governor and give the state auditor access to all appropriate financial books and records of the college. *College Trustees Responsibilities*

Faculty/Employees (see also appropriations/finance)

HB 125 (1975): Increased the salary schedules of part-time and full-time employees of Delaware State College and Delaware Technical and Community College to reflect an 8 percent across the board increase effective January 1, 1975; additional appropriation made possible a 5 percent salary increase for administrative staff as of July 1, 1975, and the same percentage increment was provided for instructional staff as of September 1, 1975. *Employees: Salary Increases*

HB 309 (1975): Increased maximum weekly unemployment compensation benefits from $85 to $105 per week and tied future weekly maximum benefits to an average hourly rate indicator within the state. *Unemployment Compensation*

HJR 24 (1975): Established a committee to study possible changes in collective bargaining laws affecting public employees. *Collective Bargaining*

SB 808 (1976): Gives the prerogative to the trustees of Delaware State College to determine what employees shall receive salary increments other than cost-of-living supplements; does not affect employees who are a part of the bargaining unit. *Salary Increments*

Health Professions

SB 108 (1975): Established a Delaware Institute of Veterinary Medical Education. *Veterinary Education*

Miscellaneous

SB 142 (1976): Prohibits the use of state-owned vehicles for private purposes and requires that state-owned vehicles be parked at the agency to which they are assigned. *State-owned Vehicles*

SB 256 (1976): Amends Title 29 of the Delaware Code by adding a new part relating to

Open Meetings and Records

freedom of information and requiring that meetings and records of public bodies be open to personal inspection by any citizen of the state.

Legal Services Exemption

SB 712 (1976): Exempts the Department of Justice from supplying legal advice, counsel, services or representation to Delaware State College the same as it does to the University of Delaware, except on bond issues which pledge the faith and credit of the state.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Reorganization Act

(1975): In November 1975, the D.C. City Council passed D.C. Law 1-36, "The District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Reorganization Act Amendments," substantially ratifying, with minor amendments, H.R. 15643 passed by the 93rd Congress in October 1974 (consolidating the three existing public institutions of higher education into the University of the District of Columbia). D.C. Law 1-36 postponed the consolidation from July 1, 1975 to September 1, 1976, and in April 1976, the City Council passed Emergency Act 1-34, postponing the consolidation again until August 1, 1977, in addition to curtailing the initial terms of governing board members.

Licensure/Regulation of Institutions

(1976): In May 1976, the City Council passed Emergency Act 1-43, the "Licensure of Postsecondary Educational Institutions Emergency Act," transferring the licensure function from the defunct Board of Higher Education to the new University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees on a temporary basis (permanent assignment of this function to the trustees was specifically prohibited by H.R. 15643 and ratified by D.C. Law 1-36). Legislation creating an agency to assume the licensure function on a permanent basis is in preparation. Act 1-145, passed in August 1976, extends the provisions of EA 1-34 and 1-43 for a further 30 days. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 43 and No. 4, p. 159, for additional legislative information.

FLORIDA

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The 1976 session of the Florida legislature convened in January and adjourned June 4. Information was not received concerning the 1975 legislative session which was held April 8-June 5, 1975. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 45 and No. 4, p. 160, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Appropriations

(1976): 1976-77 Appropriations bill: Totaling almost $5 billion the bill appropriates $272.3 million in general revenue for the State University System, a $14.1 million increase over 1975-76 or 5.5 percent. The bill continues the lump sum approach to funding adopted in 1975 at the regents request. A last minute senate amendment increased the fixed capital outlay appropriation for education by more than $30 million, thereby increasing slightly the amount expected to be available for the universities' construction during 1976-77.

Publications

SB 224 (1976): Reduces the administrative burden involved in bidding publications.

Faculty/Employees

Salary Increases

(1976): 1976-77 Appropriations bill includes a salary increase for faculty and staff in the State University System.

Student Assistance

Student Loans

HB 2536 (1976): Increases student loan bonding authority from $40 million to $65 million.

Miscellaneous

"Lottery Bill"

SB 799 (1976): So-called "lottery bill" created a great deal of public debate and revealed some serious problems in public perceptions about graduate admissions. The bill *failed* because of action by regents and strong reaction of concerned citizens.

Intrasystem/ Intrastate Communications

(1976): Part of the system's legislative contact program establishes a basic framework to insure effective intrasystem communications and increases contacts with legislators and members of the public.

HCR 3260 (1976): Requires the legislature to "devise and present to the people a

program of fiscal reform and economic development no later than the end of the 1978 session of the legislature.

Fiscal Reform

CS for HB 3958 (1976): Prohibits felons from taking college courses on "study release."

Courses for Felons

GEORGIA

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The 1975 Georgia General Assembly met from January 13 to March 25 and the 1976 General Assembly met from January 12 to March 5. During the two sessions a number of bills and resolutions were enacted which concern higher education and the Board of Regents. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 48 and No. 4, p. 163, for additional legislative information.

Health Professions

Health Fields: Optometry School and Study

HR 96 (1975): Urges the Board of Regents to determine the feasibility of establishing a college of optometry and to explore other alternatives to satisfy the need for optometrists in the state.

Advisory Board for Veterinary School

SB 282 (1975): Creates an advisory board of the college of veterinary medicine of the University of Georgia to act in an advisory capacity to the admissions board of the college (but not on the acceptance of an individual applicant) and to advise the dean and department heads on curriculum and policies relative to supplying an adequate number of veterinarians.

Clinical Clerkships

HB 1560 (1976): Provides for clinical clerkships for certain persons who have studied at foreign medical colleges and requires the Medical College of Georgia to develop and offer a clinical training program for such students.

Medical Scholarships

HR 555 (1976): Proposes an amendment to the constitution to increase maximum State Medical Education Board scholarships to $15,000 each and allows fulfillment of rural practice obligation by practice in a town of 15,000 or less (1970 censns). Formerly, the maximum was $10,000 with practice in a town of 10,000 or less.

Veterinary Advisory Board

SB 486 (1976): Increases the membership of the advisory board of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine from seven to eight.

Student Assistance (see also health professions)

Student Aid: Grants for Nonpublic Students

HB 1109 (1975): Provides a $400 grant per academic year to each eligible student attending nonuniversity system approved institutions of higher learning; beginning in 1975-76, the grant will be increased to $500 for freshman students and if necessary funds are appropriated, the amount of the grant will be increased to $600 for all undergraduate students beginning with the academic year 1976-77 (graduate or professional students are not eligible unless a specific appropriation for that purpose is provided).

HB 1744, SB 596 (1976): Amends the above act (HB 1109, 1975), to provide that the minimum grant shall be $400 and maximum $600 when funds are appropriated. In addition, the amendment changes definition of term "approved institution" to exclude proprietary schools, schools principally sectarian or religious in nature and those receiving funds under the Junior College Act of 1958.

Aid to the Elderly

HR 494-1333 (1976): Provides for an amendment to the constitution authorizing and directing the regents to establish a program for citizens of Georgia 62 years of age or older to attend units of the system without charge; medical, dental, veterinary or law school attendance is not included and these students cannot be counted for budgetary purposes; the amendment will become effective when it has been approved by the voters.

Military Training and Service

HB 1308 (1976): Provides a $50 grant per academic quarter to certain students at North Georgia College for the purpose of encouraging training and service in the military, the grants to be administered by the Higher Education Assistance Authority.

Miscellaneous

Public Television Study

HR 305-1124 (1975): Creates the Public Television Study Committee to study possible duplication of efforts between the University System and the State Department of Education in the area of public television services.

Security Personnel

HB 1526 (1976): Brings the Board of Regents under the provisions of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act and requires the security personnel of the University System to comply with certification provisions specified in the act (security personnel presently employed are exempt but future employees will have to meet these requirements).

HAWAII

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The 1975 session of the Hawaii legislature convened January 15, 1975 and adjourned April 11, 1975, and provided for expansion of the medical and law programs, establishment of a college of agriculture at Hilo and establishment of a new West Oahu College. The 1976 session of the legislature convened January 21, 1976 and adjourned April 20, 1976. See also Vol. 5, No. 4, p. 165, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations:

Aid to Elderly; Women's Athletics; Telescope; Philippine Studies

Appropriations/Finance

SB 535 (Act 195, 1975): This measure included a 1975-76 $30,000 appropriation for the Senior Citizens Tuition Exemption Program; a 1975-77 $200,000 appropriation for women's intercollegiate athletics at Manoa under the Title IX Equal Education Act; a 1975-77 $85,000 appropriation for the Canada-France-Hawaii telescope; and a 1975-77 $50,000 appropriation for the Philippine studies program.

Supplemental

(1976): During the 1976 session, the legislature provided a supplemental appropriation of $3,313,397; however, these funds and authorized new programs will not be available until allocations are made by the governor based upon state revenue projections. Several appropriations which would normally have been made to the university were made to other state agencies, such as the young farmers program to the Agriculture Department, avocado research to the Planning and Economic Development Department, and continuing education for women to the Budget and Finance Department. Close to $24 million was authorized for capital improvement projects and although there was considerable attention given to state funding for summer sessions at community colleges, no appropriation was made.

Agriculture

Continuing Education

Capital

Labor Education Center

HB 2100 (Act 226, 1976): Authorizes a center for labor education and research within the Manoa campus with a $250,000 appropriation.

Law School

HB 2895 (Act 28, 1976): Approved a high priority request of $838,000 for interim law school facilities.

Dental Education Plan

SB 1187 (Act 132, 1976): Appropriates $39,000 to the Budget and Finance Department to establish a Hawaii dental education plan.

Coordination/Governance

East-West Center Governance

SB 1732 (Act 82, 1975): Incorporates the East-West Center as an entity separated from the University of Hawaii.

Graduate Program Review

SR 382 (1975): Directs the board of Regents to undertake a comprehensive review of all professional and graduate degree programs.

Health Professions

Dental Education Contracts

SR 411 (1975): Directs the Hawaii Dental Association, with the Board of Regents, to thoroughly investigate the establishment of a contractural program to finance professional education for residents and report 20 days before the 1976 legislature convenes.

Hospital Management Transfer

SB 110 (Act 59, 1976): Transfers employees and operation and management of Leahi Hospital to the State Department of Health.

Oriental Medicine

HR 62 (1976): Requests the dean and faculty of the medical school to consider the development of a section on Oriental medicine within its curriculum and report prior to September 1, 1976.

Student Assistance (see also appropriations/finance)

Student Aid Feasibility Review

HR 35 (1976): Requests the establishment of an ad hoc committee consisting of, among others, representatives of the university to review the establishment of a state scholarship program which would provide financial aid to students attending Hawaii's private colleges and report 20 days before 1977 session.

Student Travel Policy

HR 519 (1976): Requests the university to review its policy on student travel cost necessary to fulfill academic program requirements, particularly in regard to the need for financial assistance for students in astronomy, and report 20 days before the 1977 session.

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The first regular session of the 43rd legislature convened on January 13, 1975 and adjourned on March 22. There were no major higher education issues to be resolved during the session. The second regular session convened on January 5, 1976 and adjourned on March 19. Although the State Board of Education did not initiate any major statutory proposals on behalf of higher education, a number of important bills were approved during the session. See also Vol. 5, No. 4, p. 166, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also faculty/employees and health professions)

Appropriations: Supplemental

HB 322 (1975): The legislature appropriated $2,410,000 from the general fund to the State Board of Examiners to supplement fiscal year 1976 appropriations and provide a yearly cost-of-living adjustment of $360 for each state employee whose position was funded wholly or in part from the general fund (including faculty members).

Salary Increases

SB 1179 (1975): Authorized institutions of higher education to borrow without bonds; to fix fees, rents or other charges for use of any facility or project financed by such borrowing; and to pledge the revenues as collateral for repayment.

Borrowing Powers

SB 1536 (1976): In addition to the lump sum general fund appropriation to the State Board of Education for general education programs at Idaho's senior institutions of higher education, the legislature appropriated a $250,000 contingency fund to be used "solely for matters of an emergency nature" during the fiscal year.

General Fund and Contingency

Faculty/Employees (see also appropriations/finance)

Employees: Longevity Pay

SB 1494 (1976): Awards longevity pay increments of 2.5 percent for each five years of continual service up to a maximum of 10 percent for state employees; funds appropriated were insufficient to cover all needs and the State Board of Examiners will seek a supplemental appropriation in 1977 to cover the shortfall.

Health Insurance

SCR 129 (concurrent resolution, 1976): Approves adjustment of the state contribution to the employee health insurance plan to cover the entire premium for each employee and to maintain the employee's cost for family coverage at $30.32 per month.

Board Stipends

SB 1455 (1976): Increases per diem payments for the State Board of Education members to $35 per day.

Health Professions

Health Fields: Regional Medical Program

HB 708 (1976): Appropriates funds for the Washington, Alaska, Montana, Idaho Regional Medical Program to guarantee access to the University of Washington school of medicine for 20 Idaho residents each year.

Out-of-state Medical Education

HB 676 (1976): Appropriated funds to guarantee seats for five freshman medical students from Idaho at the University of Utah medical school.

Private Higher Education

Aid to Private

SB 1416 (1976): Allows a tax credit for charitable contributions to nonprofit private institutions of secondary or higher education not to exceed 20 percent of the total income tax due or $50, whichever is less, for individuals, and 10 percent or $500, whichever is less, for corporations.

Legislation introduced in 1976 but not approved during the session included:

Defeated Bills: Advertising Prohibition; Exempt Employees; Two-year College Study

HCR 59: to prohibit advertising by higher education institutions; HB 462: to create a single university chancellor system; HB 341: to require exempt employees, including faculty members, to be paid according to a statewide compensation schedule; and SCR 127: to create an interim study committee to study and recommend changes in statutory references to Idaho's junior colleges.

ILLINOIS

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The 1975 regular session of the Illinois legislature convened on January 8 and three special sessions were held during the year. The 1976 session convened on January 14,

1976 and adjourned on July 2, 1976. The General Assembly reconvened November 17, 1976, to consider the governor's vetoes and appropriation reductions. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 50 and No. 4, p. 168, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations:
Operating Increases

Appropriations/Finance (see also health professions, student assistance, community/junior colleges and faculty/employees)
SB 47 (PA 79-55, 1975): Appropriates from the Southern Illinois University (SIU) income fund for abnormal increases in the costs of operating the physical plants of SIU at Carbondale and Edwardsville for the fiscal year 1974-75 a total of $446,000.

Amendments

SB 420 (1975): Amends Public Act 78-1052, the appropriations act for the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities for fiscal 1975, and transfers $125,000 from personal services to contractual services in the appropriation for Chicago State University.

Utility/Energy Use Costs

SB 170 (PA 79-25, 1975): Appropriates $400,000 to the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities for increased utility costs at three institutions and $65,000 for an energy utilization monitoring device at one other.

Fiscal 1976

(1975): Makes appropriations for ordinary and contingent expenses, including some permanent improvements and reappropriated funds totaling over $652 million for fiscal year 1975-76 to the Illinois Community College Board, the University of Illinois, the State Colleges and Universities, the Board of Regents, Southern Illinois University and the Board of Higher Education (PA 79-190, 194-195, 196, 279 and 227).

Two-year Supplemental

SB 472 (PA 79-259, 1975): Supplemental appropriations totaling $10.2 million to the Illinois Community College Board for special grants, flat-rate grants and legal expenses.

Health Education Capital Grants

SB 634 (PA 79-232, 1975): Appropriates $9.9 million to the Board of Higher Education for distribution as capital grants authorized by the Health Services Education Grants Act.

Legal/Veterinary Medicine Capital

HB 802 (PA 79-279, 1975): Appropriates to the Capital Development Board $13.5 million for the Courts Complex in Springfield for legal and paralegal education and $2.09 million to the University of Illinois for veterinary medicine facilities.

Student Aid

HB 1977 (PA 79-275, 1975): Appropriates $71,225,873 for ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois State Scholarship Commission for fiscal year 1975-76.

Educational Television

HB 767 (PA 79-1192, 1975): Appropriates $1.5 million to the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities to be used for construction of a noncommercial educational television station at Macomb and a translator at Moline.

Capital Improvements

HB 1552 (PA 79-277, 1975): Makes certain reappropriations totaling $364.6 million for permanent improvements to the Capital Development Board, payable from the Capital Development Bond Fund, School Construction Bond Fund, and General Revenue Fund.

Utility Costs

SB 143 (PA 79-4, 1975): Appropriates $389,600 to the Board of Regents to meet increased utility costs at Northern Illinois University.

Supplemental

SB 166 (PA 79-24, 1975): Supplemental appropriation of $200,000 from the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities Income Fund for personal services at Northeastern Illinois University.

Fiscal 1977

(1976): The fiscal year 1977 total for capital projects in higher education was $4,371,410. Fiscal year 1977 appropriations for ordinary and contingent expenses for the various higher education systems as approved by the governor came to a total of $805.5 million.

Two-year Colleges:
Tuition Tax Levy

Community/Junior Colleges (see also appropriations/finance)
SB 176 (PA 79-77, 1975): Provides that the board of education of a school district may levy a tax on the part of the district not within a community college district for tuition payments of residents attending a community college.

New District Referendum

SB 179 (PA 79-674, 1975): Authorizes a backdoor referendum on the question of the creation of a new community college district by the Illinois Community College Board.

Trustees Interest Statements

SB 168 (PA 79-481, 1975): Clarifies the intention of the General Assembly to require the filing of statements of economic interests by any person who is a holder of or a candidate for the office of trustee of a community college district.

New Districts Law Change

HB 1420 (PA 79-708, 1975): Repeals the section of the Public Community College Act requiring the Illinois Community College Board to designate new community college districts or provide for annexation of existing districts of nondistrict territory — authorizes annexation of nondistrict territory to existing districts by (a) petition of two-thirds of the voters; (b) petition of one-third of 1000, whichever is less of the voters; (c) petition of one-half or 500, whichever is less of the voters; and (d) by resolution of

the school board; and provides that the state board shall make the final determination on such annexation.

SB 167 (PA 79-76, 1975): Provides for joint agreements among school districts and community college districts to acquire sites and to construct, equip and finance facilities for vocational training, career education and science education programs; that student transportation be provided by participating district; and that this does not restrict community college districts to enter into joint agreements under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. *School and College District Joint Agreements*

HB 3804 (PA 79-1342, 1976): Provides that for purposes of annexation to a community college district, any territory shall be considered contiguous if it was once contiguous to that community college district. *District Annexation*

SB 1651 (PA 79-1446, 1976): Deletes references in the Public Community College Act to flat rate grants and substitutes in categories of credit hour grants which local community college districts are entitled to claim from the Illinois Community College Board. *Credit-hour Funding Formula*

Coordination/Governance

HB 2283 (PA 79-932, 1975): Provides for advance payment of expenses necessarily incurred by student members of public governing boards in performance of their duties. *Student Board Members Expenses*

HB 667 (PA 79-94, 1976): Amends act creating the Board of Higher Education and provides for appointment of board members to the Joint Education Committee with members of State Board of Education as provided in Section 1A-4 of the School Code. *Joint Education Committee Members*

Faculty/Employees (see also appropriations/finance)

SB 524 (PA 79-213, 1975): Appropriates $156,700 from the State Pension Fund to the State Universities Retirement System for the fiscal year 1975-76. *Employees: Retirement*

HB 3273 (PA 79-239, 1976): Appropriates $124,991 to the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities for Chicago State University to make back wage payments found to be due certain female academic employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act. *Back Wages for Women*

Health Professions (see also appropriations/finance)

HB 37 (PA 79-6, 1975): Appropriates an additional $62,400 for summer workshops to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for contracts with Illinois colleges and universities for in service training of comprehensive health education teachers. *Health Education Teacher Training*

Student Assistance (see also appropriations/finance)

HB 3064 (PA 79-116, 1975): Transfers $850,000 of the fiscal year 1975 appropriation for the Illinois State Scholarship Commission from the funds for grant awards to full-time students to the fund for military veterans scholarships at public community colleges. *Student Aid: Veterans Aid*

HB 3034 (PA 79-271, 1975): Makes appropriations of $7,141,451 to the Illinois Veterans' Commission for payments and administration of the veterans' scholarship program.

SB 381 (PA 79-768, 1975): Extends the scholarship provisions of the School Code for ROTC cadets to include Army and Air Force cadets and Naval ROTC midshipmen. *Army/Air Force/ROTC Scholarships*

HB 1693 (PA 79-830, 1975): Beginning August 15, 1975, increases maximum scholarship award available from the Illinois State Scholarship Commission to $1500 (now $1350). *Awards Increase*

HB 858 (PA 79-372, 1975): Adds to the Veterans' Commission Act providing for Illinois Veterans' Scholarships by defining terms and providing that benefits shall be available as long as the federal government provides education benefits to veterans; repeals veterans' scholarship provisions now in the School Code. *Veterans Aid Changes*

HB 3277 (PA 79-1201, 1976): Supplemental appropriation of $3,650,000 to the State Scholarship Commission for payment of grants to full-time students; also provides $2,670,000 to be transferred from part-time and other line items to full-time student line item. *Supplemental Appropriation*

SB 1679 (1976): Amends the higher education student assistance legislation, increasing maximum full-time awards from $1,500 to $1,550 and maximum part-time awards from $750 to $775 for terms beginning on or after August 15, 1976 (amendatory veto by the governor making effective date July, 1977). *Awards Increase*

HB 3360 (PA 79-1214, 1976): Amends the fiscal year 1976 appropriation to the Illinois Veterans' Commission by adding $4.5 million for scholarship payments to veterans. *Veterans Aid Increase*

SB 1581 (PA 79-1225, 1976): Amends the annual appropriation of the State Scholarship *Appropriation*

Amendment

Commission by decreasing the amount for awards to full-time students and increasing the amount for payment of awards to part-time students.

Tuition/Fees

National Guard/Naval Militia Waivers

SB 24 (PA 79-1180, 1975): Provides that any person who has served at least one year in the Illinois National Guard or Naval Militia may attend any state university or community college without the payment of tuition and fees for up to four years of full-time study during the continuation of his enlisted service in the guard or naval militia.

Miscellaneous

Educational Television

HB 766 (PA 79-1191, 1975): Authorizes Western Illinois University to construct and operate a noncommercial educational television station.

Monitoring of Women's Athletics

HR 171 (1975): Resolves that the chairperson of the house committee on higher education appoint a subcommittee to monitor the operations of all athletic programs in public institutions of higher education in Illinois, with special attention to women's athletic programs and efforts to establish policies insuring fairness and equality of opportunity for women athletes.

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The 1975 legislative session, the first session of the 99th General Assembly, was the "long" session which occurs in odd-numbered years. The session lasted for 61 working days and began early in January. By constitution, the session cannot go beyond April 30. The 1976 session convened January 5 and adjourned on February 20. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 53 and No. 4, p. 171, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations

Appropriations/Finance

PL 149 (1976): Authorizes appropriations to public institutions of higher education and the Commission for Higher Education.

Coordination: New Higher Education Council

Coordination/Governance

PL 243 (1975): Creates the Higher Education Council comprised of four senators and four representatives who will serve as the liaison between the legislature, the Commission for Higher Education and the state higher education institutions to establish legislative priorities in higher education, analyze budget information and review state, federal and private revenues for the commission's activities.

Program Review and Approval

PL 24[illegible] (1975): Amends the Commission for Higher Education's enabling legislation to include responsibility for reviewing existing academic programs, approving or disapproving programs two semesters or more in duration and approving or disapproving programs placed at new locations by existing campuses.

Student Board Members

PL 245 and PL 326 (1975): Expands the membership of the Boards of Trustees of Indiana, Purdue, Indiana State, Ball State and Vincennes Universities to include a student on each board.

Voc-Tech Coordination

SB 85 (1975): Provides for a restructuring of the State Board of Vocational-Technical Education to insure better coordination of efforts between the secondary and postsecondary sectors of vocational education.

Miscellaneous

Police Powers

PL 244 (1975): Amends Public Law 329 (1971) dealing with the appointment and powers of police officers in institutions of higher education.

School of Fine Arts

PL 106 (1976): Authorizes Indiana University to acquire and operate the Fort Wayne School of Fine Arts.

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Major issues considered by or acted on by the 1975 Iowa legislature, held January 13 to June 27, were reported in the 1975 annual report from Iowa. The 1976 legislature, or 66th General Assembly, second session, convened on January 12 and adjourned on Saturday, May 29. The following legislation affecting higher education was passed during

the session and has been signed into law by the governor. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 54 and No. 4, p. 171, for additional information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also faculty/employees)

Appropriations: Operating

SF 1261 (1976): The primary operating appropriations bill for education of which a total of $165,686,300 was appropriated to the Board of Regents institutions. $2.5 million was appropriated to offset loss of federal funds during 1975. Sections of the bill affecting the Higher Education Facilities Commission included $9.5 million for 1976-77 tuition grants, $350,000 for the state scholarship program and $150,000 for vocational-technical tuition grant program. The tuition grant program was extended to include nurses and half-time students. Other features of the bill included an appropriation of $30,000 to initiate a program in buying seats for students in optometry, $1.2 million paid to the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery for the subvention program, a special appropriation to provide for equipment replacing and upgrading, operating funds for the state area schools of $29.8 million and $8,285,900 to match federal reimbursements for continuing and new vocational education programs.

Student Aid

Optometry Education

Aid to Private

Area Schools

Continuing/Voc-Tech Education

SF 1275 (1976): A deficiency appropriation of $1.5 million appropriated to the Board of Regents for the purpose of supplementing funds available to the board during the fiscal period commencing July 1, 1975.

Supplemental

SF 1329 (1976): $2.9 million appropriation to the State Comptroller for the 1976-77 fiscal year to supplement existing appropriations for loss of federal funds during the fiscal year by all state departments; any funds allocated to the regents shall be for federal funds losses which were related to education and capitation grants to the institutions and not to supplement federal funds related solely to sponsored research grants.

Federal Funds Loss

SF 1333 (1976): Appropriates $3.3 million to regents for tuition replacement, $10.3 million in a lump sum capital appropriation and $500,000 for initiating a capital improvement program to make state facilities under the jurisdiction of the board accessible to the physically handicapped.

Tuition Replacement; Capital; Handicapped Access

Faculty/Employees

HF 1583 (1976): Creates a salary adjustment fund and appropriates funds to finance an average base salary increase of 5 percent for faculty members and 5 percent mandatory cost-of-living increase for professional and merit personnel; $8,078,600 was directly appropriated to the regents' institutions.

Salary Increases

Health Professions (see appropriations/finance)

Student Assistance (see appropriations/finance)

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The Kansas legislature convened on January 13, 1975, for a 90-day session during which only new bills were considered. The legislature recessed from April 12 until April 22 when it returned for three days for final action on several unresolved issues, including approval of the omnibus bill. The Kansas legislature convened on January 12, 1976, for a session which was limited to 90 calendar days. This session included bills held over from the 1975 session as well as new proposals. The session adjourned May 4, 1976, after recessing to allow time for the governor to take final action on pending legislation passed late in the session. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 56 and No. 4, p. 173, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Appropriations: 1976-Operating; Salary Increases; Improvements

HB 2264 (1975): Provides for fiscal year 1976 general funds for the Board of Regents and seven agencies under its jurisdiction totaling over $138.7 million, up nearly $23.8 million from the previous year. Principal increases are 10 percent faculty salary increases and a 15 percent operating fund increase, and includes approval of several of the systemwide improvement programs recommended by the regents.

HB 2264 (1975): Capital improvement appropriations for fiscal year 1976 from the general fund, educational building fund and federal revenue sharing fund, amounting to over $21 million.

Capital

SB 152 (1975): Appropriates $615,000 in fiscal year 1977 for a liberal arts building at Wichita State University.

Liberal Arts Building

SB 153 (1975): Appropriates $109,781 in fiscal year 1975 for planning a joint facility for the College of Health Related Professions.

Health Facilities Plan

Law Center Building	HB 2591 (1975): Appropriates $1,785,969 in fiscal year 1977 for a law center building at the University of Kansas.
Universities	HB 2261 (1975): Appropriates $5,188,000 at Kansas State University and $3,389,169 at the University of Kansas in fiscal year 1977.
Health Related Facilities	HB 2262 (1975): Appropriates in fiscal years, 1976-77-78 for a joint facility for the College of Health Related Professions.
Revolving Funds	SB 478 (1975): Provides for revolving funds at each institution.
Museum of Art	SB 591 (1975): Authorizes the University of Kansas to accept the gift of a building to contain a museum of art and provides $282,790 for supplementing the cost of constructing, equipping and maintaining the museum.
1977—Operating; Salary Increases; Medical	HB 2928 (1976): Provides the operating budgets for the institutions and for the board office. Salary increase funds in the amount of 8 percent and other operating increases of 10 percent are provided. Salary increases at Fort Hays State already are 9 percent and other operating expenses at the medical center increased 12 percent. Various program improvements are included such as computer increases.
Liability Insurance	HB 2673 (1976): Permits the Committee on Surety Bonds and Insurance to purchase liability insurance for the protection of the state and its officers.
Supplemental	HB 2930 (1976): Provides supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1976 with numerous provisions for the institutions.
Capital	HB 3059 (1976): Capital improvements for regents institutions.
	Coordination/Governance
Governance Transfer	SB 625 (1976): Transfers governance of the Kansas Technical Institute from the State Board of Education to the Board of Regents.
Employees:	*Faculty/Employees (see also appropriations/finance)*
Supplemental Appropriations	HB 2233 (1975): Provides supplemental appropriations and transfers for fiscal year 1975, including increases in FICA contributions, unemployment compensation reductions and increases for other adjustments.
Salary Increases and Insurance	HS 2635 (1975): Provides funds for new classified pay plan of 5 percent plus $25 a month in each civil service pay step and provides funds for additional health insurance premiums.
Insurance for Widows	SB 895 (1976): Provides for widows of faculty members to be eligible to participate in the state health insurance plan.
Retirement	SB 994 (1976): Provides that all unclassified shall be eligible for TIAA; changes permissive retirement age from 65 to 62; waives the waiting period for those who choose to make the transfer from the state system to TIAA.
	Student Assistance
Student Aid	SB 291 (1975): Provides state financial aid of $15.50 per credit hour for undergraduate and $11 per credit hour for graduate at Washburn University.
	Miscellaneous
Privacy of Information	SB 624 (1976): Brings state law into harmony with the "Buckley Amendment" as it relates to privacy of information, and requires that board policies be in accord with federal law.
Student Liability	SB 911 (1976): Permits the purchase of liability insurance for students in intern activities; students will be charged a fee to pay for the insurance.
1975 Unpassed Bills:	Bills held over in 1975 included:
Student Aid	HB 2476: provided tuition grants to students in certain proprietary schools; HB 2480: provided for the regents to establish a loan program; HB 2271: authorized the merger of area vocational schools and community junior colleges; SB 378: prohibited maintaining any faculty at a stated minimum level and any memo of agreement needs regents approval; SB 404: authorized the regents to offer associate degrees for two-year programs.
Faculty Agreements	
Associate Degrees	
1976 Unpassed Bills:	Bills introduced in 1976 but not passed included:
Collective Bargaining	SB 629: clarified the "meet and confer" status for public employees as opposed to a "bargaining" posture which has been assumed by some; HB 3227: amends the Scholarship and Tuition Grant Program; HB 3058: authorized the regents to issue up to $50 million in revenue bonds to fund a student loan program; HB 2684 and HB 2685: provided for government immunity and for the defense of state employees who might be sued for actions taken in line of duty.
Student Aid	
Immunity and Defense	

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The Kentucky legislature, which does not meet in session during odd-numbered years, did produce significant legislation in 1974 affecting higher education. Because the report was not submitted in time to be published in the ECS 1974 legislative summary, it is reported in this issue along with the 1976 legislative summary. The 1974 session convened January 8 and adjourned March 17 and the 1976 legislative session convened on January 6 and adjourned on March 20. See also Vol. 5, No. 4, p. 174, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

HB 374 (1976): The executive budget, including a total of $446 million for public higher education in the biennium 1976-78. — *Biennial Appropriation*

SB 344 (1976): Reconstitutes the State Properties and Buildings Commission to conform with internal revenue service regulations; removes universities from definition of state agencies permitted to issue revenue bonds. — *Building Commission Changes*

Community/Junior Colleges (see also coordination/governance)

HB 76 (1976): Permits community colleges to offer any lower-division course any four-year institution offers, makes all such course credits transferable to all four-year universities; requires the council to designate lower-division courses and distinguishes between academic and technical courses — clarifies that bill does not affect distribution between lower- and upper-divisions required for matriculation. — *Two-year Colleges: Programs Offered; Transfers; Course Designation*

Coordination/Governance (see also student assistance)

KRS 164.293 (1974): Makes all statutes pertaining to the other institutions of higher education applicable to Northern Kentucky State College; has the effect of granting it graduate status after specific programs are approved by the council. — *Coordination/Governance: Institutional Change*

SB 17 (1976): Prohibits use of conflicting standards and duplications of inspections by public or private inspecting agencies in licensing, accreditation, permit or rating action; deletes private associations and requires study to determine impact of provisions; makes prohibition effective July 1, 1978. — *Regulation/Accreditation*

HB 499 (1976): Transfers licensing of nonpublic colleges from State Board of Education to Council on Public Higher Education per executive order no. 74-633. — *Nonpublic Licensing*

HB 640 (1976): Places control of vocational education under the State Board and the Department of Education. — *Vocational Control*

HB 763 (1976): Establishes the Board for Proprietary Education with licensing authority over proprietary schools and agents. — *Proprietary Licensing*

SB 84 (1976): Merges Paducah Community Advisory Board into Paducah Junior College Board of Trustees and transfers powers of former to latter. — *Two-year College Board*

HB 816 (1976): Establishes the State Commission for Postsecondary Education (1202 commission). — *1202 Commission*

HB 180 (1976): Amends KRS 164 (see above) to change status of Northern Kentucky State College to University. — *Institutional Change*

HR 61 (1976): Directs the Legislative Research Council to study issues related to educational organization, governance, goals, accountability, academic consortia, ETV and student aid. — *Postsecondary Study*

Faculty/Employees (see also health professions)

SB 200 (1976): Mandates collective bargaining for elementary, secondary and university teachers; refers to its provisions as professional negotiations but does require collective bargaining binding arbitration and does not contain a no-strike clause; committee substitute: eliminates higher education from provisions . . . eliminates binding arbitration provisions. — *Collective Bargaining*

Health Professions

HB 712 (1976): Permits the University of Kentucky to provide malpractice insurance outside general fund appropriation for medical school faculty. — *Health Fields: Malpractice-Insurance*

SB 28 (1976): Increases primary care residencies at the Universities of Kentucky and Louisville medical centers by total of 76 new positions in the biennium; provides criteria and procedures; requires the council to coordinate, allocate and approve positions. — *Primary Care Residencies*

Geriatrics/ Gerontology

HB 466 (1976): Establishes an office of geriatrics-gerontology in the Council on Public Higher Education to cooperate with and use medical schools, social work schools, nursing schools within state-supported universities to establish and conduct courses relating to aging; appropriates $25,500.

Student Aid:

Student Assistance

Student Aid Agency Board Powers

KRS 164.740-164.990 (1974): Establishes the governing board of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and grants it powers, functions and duties; further defines rules and regulations governing loans, loan guarantees, grants, scholarships and work study programs; and establishes funds in the state treasury to implement the loan and grant programs.

Restrictions/Eligibility

SB 363 (1976): Restricts Higher Education Assistance Authority grants and loans to full-time students only; makes vocational and business school students eligible.

Military Dependents Aid

KRS 164.505 (1974): Exempts the dependents of servicemen or national guardsmen killed while in the service or dying as a result of a service-connected disability from paying a matriculation or tuition fee upon admission to any state-supported university, junior college or vocational training institution.

KRS 164.515 (1974): Provides that the spouse or child of a permanently disabled national guardsman, war veteran, prisoner of war, or serviceman missing in action shall be exempt from paying matriculation or tuition fee upon admission to any state-supported institution of higher education or to any state-supported vocational training school for a period of not in excess of 36 months in order to obtain a diploma, nor in excess of the lesser number of months required for a certificate of completion, subject to conditions imposed by the statute.

National Buard Aid

SB 141 (1976): Creates the Kentucky National Guard Educational Encouragement Fund in Department of Military Affairs; provides payment of one-half tuition for all guardsmen at state-supported universities, community colleges or vocational schools; includes private institutions.

Aid to Elderly

HB 590 (1976): Waives tuition and fees for persons 65 and older in state-supported institutions.

Miscellaneous

Uniform Management of Funds

HB 24 (1976): Adopts uniform management of institutional funds act and allows the Circuit Court to release institution from restrictions of donor under certain conditions.

Open Records

HB 138 (1976): Opens public records for inspection and copying by any person, exempts certain records and creates a process for resolving conflicts.

Civil Action Defense

HB 761 (1976): Permits defense and indemnification for state employees in civil actions arising out of acts committed in scope of employment; amended to extend protection from action on highways, bridges and buildings.

Defeated Bills:

Judicial Review

Faculty Dismissal

Student Discipline

Course Numbering

Several bills of interest to higher education were introduced but not passed during the 1976 legislative session:

HB 137: would have established a uniform system of state agency administrative adjudication and judicial review and would have possibly created a dramatically different system for handling internal faculty termination proceedings and student disciplinary proceedings; and HB 260: would have authorized the Council on Public Higher Education to standardize numbering and description of all academic courses offered by state institutions.

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The Louisiana legislature, in its first 85-day regular session under the new constitution of 1975, met from April 21 until July 14, 1975, and subsequently provided support for postsecondary education in Louisiana in several ways. The 1976 regular session of the legislature met from May 10 until August 2 and passed several pieces of legislation dealing with higher education. The house refused to concur with the conference committee's report of the omnibus capital outlay bill, killing the bill which included major repairs and renovations on the state's campuses. The governor called a seven-day October special session to deal with capital construction for the state. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 59 and No. 4, p. 176, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations:

Appropriations/Finance

HB 1627 (Act 16, 1975): The General Appropriations Act for 1975-76 — the $2.9

billion in state, federal and self-generated funds includes funding colleges at a minimum 85 percent of implementation under the formula; special appropriations to all nursing schools; and additional funds to Louisiana Tech, McNeese State University, Grambling University and Nicholls State University for emergencies. *1975-76 General*

HB 201 (Act 177, 1975): Provides deficit spending funds for state agencies which overspent their budgets, including $2 million for Southern University. *Deficit Funds*

HB 1628 (Act 370, 1975): Reauthorized previously passed bond issues as necessitated by the new constitution. *Bond Issues*

SB 284 (Act 684, 1975): Specifies certain procedures for submitting all capital outlay requests to the Division of Administration; requests to include detailed report of use to be made by proposed structure and an estimate of construction, site and furnishing cost. *Capital Requests and Reporting*

HB 194 (Act 474, 1976): Provides for allocation of mineral revenues on college and university lands to the management board of the college or university on the location of the leased properties. *Revenue Allocation*

HB 219 (Act 476, 1976): Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds of $650,000 for construction of married student housing at Nicholls State University. *Housing Bonds*

HB 154 (Act 17, 1976): Provides money for the general operations of state government — the $2.8 billion in state and federal funds includes funding colleges at the minimum 80 percent level of implementation under the Board of Regents formula for higher education. *1976-77 General*

HB 1393 (Act 644, 1976): Appropriates $975,000 out of the state general fund for fiscal year 1976-77 to the management boards of certain colleges and universities, being in the amount of race track fees allocated in the Act 751 of the 1975 regular session which were not directly received by the colleges but were considered to be included as part of the regents appropriation formula for fiscal year 1975-76. *Race Track Fees Allocation*

HB 1068 (Act 751, 1975): Requires that funds collected from horse racing enterprises, after first being credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, shall be distributed to the agencies, academic institutions and local governing authorities.

HB 1633 (Act 822, 1975): Authorized the sale of general obligation bonds for various projects on the college campuses being financed with self-generated income. *Capital Bonds*

HB 1198 (Act 823, 1975): Provides authorization to spend approximately $179 million in state funds, general obligation bonds and self-generated revenues for capital outlay projects, including $70 million for new projects on college and university campuses. *Capital*

HB 63 (Act 598, 1976): Allows colleges to use their surplus building use fee funds on academic and administrative buildings without bonding these funds. *Surplus Building Fee Funds*

HB 193 (Act 473, 1976): Provides for distribution of monies from horse race meetings to management board of respective colleges. *Race Track Fee Allocation*

Coordination/Governance

HB 52 (Act 313, 1975): Established the powers, duties and functions of higher education's three management boards (Louisiana State and Southern Universities Boards of Supervisors and the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities) and the Board of Regents. *Coordination/Governance: Governing Board Powers*

HB 1000 (Act 720, 1975): Established a reorganization plan for the executive branch of government, effective January 1, 1976. *Executive Reorganization*

HB 819 (Act 207, 1976): Authorizes the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve or disapprove occupational degree proposals from eligible proprietary schools. *Proprietary Regulation*

SB 106 (Act 225, 1976): Allows the Board of Regents to form a data base on all postsecondary degree-granting institutions teaching in Louisiana by requiring such institutions, including correspondence schools based in Louisiana, to register with the board. *Institutional Registration*

SB 487 (Act 385, 1976): Provides for the merger of the Confederate Memorial Medical Center at Shreveport into the medical center of the Louisiana State University System. *Medical Center Merger*

SB 514 (Act 523, 1976): Authorizes St. Bernard Parish Community College and Bossier Parish Community College to offer associate degrees and certificates upon the approval of the regents. *Two-year Degrees*

Employees: Retirement

Faculty/Employees

HB 813 (Act 346, 1975): Raises from 2 percent to 2-1/2 percent the computation factor of the service retirement allowance for Louisiana State University (LSU) personnel.

HB 358 (Act 382, 1975): Provides supplemental retirement benefits to individuals in the LSU cooperative extension service.

Sick Leave

HB 96 (Act 723, 1975): Establishes policy of sick leave for academic personnel at colleges and universities in relation to sick leave for academic teaching personnel.

Social Security

HB 942 (Act 499, 1976): Authorizes the board of Louisiana State University to give notice to the Social Security Administration of intent to withdraw from Social Security persons covered by the LSU retirement system.

Retirement Transfers

HB 126 (Act 416, 1976): Clarifies and simplifies employees' transfers between state, municipal or parochial retirement systems.

Aid to Private

Private Higher Education

HB 1313 (Act 562, 1975). Authorized financial aid to eight private colleges at $125 a semester for each Louisiana resident, not to exceed $1.6 million; the Board of Regents is assigned supervisory authority over distribution of funds.

HB 747 (Act 491, 1976) and SB 498 (Act 522, 1976): Amends Act 562 of 1975 to allow nonpublic institutions of higher education, excluding Louisiana College, to be reimbursed $125 per semester per full-time professional or graduate student who is a Louisiana resident; law states that an aggregate of up to $1000 may be reimbursed for each student and that such monies may not be used for religious or intercollegiate athletic purposes.

Aid to Elderly

Student Assistance (see also private higher education)

HB 594 (Act 525, 1975): Exempts persons 65 years of age and older who register for courses of instruction in public colleges or universities from the payment of tuition and other registration fees.

Aid to National Guard

HB 1464 (Act 816, 1975): Exempts from tuition charges at state colleges and universities students in the National Guard; does not provide for reimbursement to institutions for lost tuition.

Veterans Tuition Exemption

Tuition and Fees

HB 348 (Act 286, 1976): Exempts from paying nonresident tuition at state colleges and universities any individual who was permanently stationed in Louisiana as a member of any branch of the U.S. armed forces, providing that the individual has been continuously residing in Louisiana after being honorably discharged.

Food Service Contracts

Miscellaneous

HB 745 (Act 610, 1976): Authorizes three years as the maximum contract term that state colleges and universities may contract for food service, vending and similar contracts.

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The 1975 regular session of the 107th Maine legislature, held January 1 to July 2, considered several bills relating to higher education. Collective bargaining, a right-to-know law, lobbying, postsecondary education commission, a medical school and a regional veterinary school were some of the more important items voted upon. A special session was convened by the governor on January 19, 1976, in order to correct problems arising from deficiencies in the state's elementary and secondary school funding law, to provide some measure of salary and wage relief for state employees and to enact other priority legislation affecting the operation and organization of state government. The work begun during this first special session, which adjourned on April 29, 1976, was concluded at a second one-day special session held on June 14, 1976. See also Vol. 5, No. 4, p. 177, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations: Operating

Appropriations/Finance

LD 1909 (1975): The legislature appropriated $200,000 less for University of Maine operating costs during fiscal 1976 than had been appropriated during fiscal 1975. As a result of this action, the Board of Trustees decided to forego all salary and wage increases last year.

Capital

LD 862 (1975): A capital construction request for the Maine Public Broadcasting

Network was rejected although a $900,000 bond issue for student housing renovations was approved by the legislature and became law without the governor's signature; the issue was approved in referendum on November 3, 1975.

Housing Bond Issue

LD 2361 (1976): The single most important measure affecting the University of Maine failed passage during the first special session — an appropriations bill that would have restored the $3.7 million cut from the university's fiscal 1976 budget and provided $1.7 million in salary increases for university employees and another $1 million to cover unavoidable inflationary costs. An omnibus compromise appropriations measure (LD 2361), that included $1 million for university salary increases, employee benefits and student aid, was passed by the second special session and immediately signed into law by the governor.

Supplemental

Salary Increases

Student Aid

Coordination/Governance
(1975): The Maine Postsecondary Education Commission was created to coordinate higher education planning in the state.

1202 Commission

Faculty/Employees (see also appropriations/finance)
LD 827 (1975): Extends collective bargaining rights to employees of the University of Maine; establishes six systemwide units; effective July 1, 1976.

Collective Bargaining

LD 2155 (1976): Established an official role for students in the collective bargaining process (passed over the governor's veto); provides that the university board of trustees appoint three currently enrolled students to represent student interests in the event of negotiations between the university and either a faculty and/or a professional administrative unit.

and Student Role in Bargaining

Health Professions
LD 773 (1975): Authorizes the University of Maine to establish a nontraditional medical school; measure was vetoed by the governor and the veto was sustained in the senate.

Nontraditional Medical School

LD 2310 (1976): Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to secure additional spaces for Maine students who attend out-of-state schools of dentistry, medicine or veterinary medicine through a formalized contractual arrangement with the individual institutions; includes a new "forgiveness" clause that spreads out the student's indebtedness to the state over a four year period; if the student practices in Maine for four years after obtaining his license, the full state share of the contract price is forgiven.

Medical Education Contracts

Miscellaneous
LD 2316 (1976): Revises and clarifies the freedom of access law; the major effect on the university lies in its definition of public records and meetings; records, working papers and interoffice memoranda used by or prepared for subcommittees of the board are designated as confidential in the statute; became law without the governor's signature.

Freedom of Access Law

Unsuccessful legislation in 1975 included:
LD 1393: to provide for student members on the Board of Trustees; LD 519: to place the university under the aegis of the Department of Education and Cultural Services; and LD 1310: to authorize the state to participate in a regional veterinary school in New England.

Defeated Bills: Student Trustee; Governance Change; Retional Veterinary School

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In the 1975 session of the Maryland General Assembly, held January 8 to April 7, 119 higher education bills were introduced. There were a total of 33 enactments. During the 1976 session, convened from January 14 through April 12, 123 higher education bills were introduced and 36 of these measures were enacted. See also Vol. 5, No. 4, p. 179, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also community/junior colleges and coordination/governance)
SB 181 (1975): Authorizes a state debt for fiscal year 1976 totaling $10 million, the proceeds to be used to supplement the financing of the design and construction of public junior community college buildings, site development and facilities.

Appropriations: State Debt for Capital Projects

SB 866 (1975): Supports Chesapeake College and Garrett County Community College, for fiscal year 1976 only, with a statutory base of $2,365 per full-time equivalent student; the state will pay 55 percent, the student 13 percent and the local subdivision 32

Special Funding

*Formerly the Council for Higher Education; changed under Higher Education Reorganization Act of 1976. (See SB 347, 1976)

percent, with the state's portion not to exceed the sum of $1,300 for each full-time equivalent student.

Capital Funds Reports

HB 1191 (1975): Provides that any state agency using nonbudgeted or dedicated funds for capital construction projects shall submit a detailed report of the use of these funds by January 10 of each year for the duration of the project to the joint budget and audit committee.

Theatre

HB 1462 (1976): Provides financial support for renovating the Lyric Theatre.

State Debt for Capital Projects

HB 1872 (1976): Authorizes a state debt totaling $1,850,000, the proceeds to be used for construction of a science building on the campus of Loyola College.

SB 377 (1976): Authorizes a debt of $500,000 for renovation and improvement of academic buildings at Western Maryland College.

SB 666 (1976): Authorizes a state debt of $450,000, the proceeds to be used for acquisition, renovation, and capital improvement of a facility for the Maryland Institute College of Art.

Fund Raising

HJR 85 (1976): Requests the state to join private interests and Baltimore City to raise funds to prevent the dismantling of Peabody Institute or the loss of any of its artifacts.

Two-year Colleges: Study

Community/Junior Colleges (see also appropriations/finance and faculty/employees)
SJR 54 (1975): Requested the Council for Higher Education to study the relationship of the community colleges to the total state system regarding funding, construction programs and education standards.

Aid to Elderly

HB 1522 (1976): Provides that the board of trustees of a community college may waive tuition charges for state residents 60 years of age and older.

New Board

SB 546 (1976): Creates a board of trustees for Baltimore County Community Colleges.

Coordination/Governance: Institutional Change

Coordination/Governance (see also community/junior colleges)
SB 354 (1975): Changes Morgan State College to University; authorizes a board of trustees as the governing board of the university emphasizing an urban-oriented education.

Upper-Division Designation

SB 432 (1975): Clarifies the designation of University of Baltimore as an upper-division academic institution; the Council for Higher Education shall define the meaning and applicability of upper-division status consistent with changing academic conditions in Maryland.

Board Participation by Legislators

SB 968 (1975): Provides for the chairman of the Senate Finance and Budget and Taxation Committees and of the House Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees to sit with the board of regents in meetings at which requests for appropriations are prepared.

Student Trustees

HB 522 (1975): Adds a student member to the local board of community college trustees in Prince George's County.

HB 815 (1975): Provides for a student member to be appointed to the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges.

State Boards Changes

SB 347 (1976): Creates a State Board for Higher Education, an Education Coordinating Committee and changes the composition and terms of the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges and the State Board for Community Colleges.

Institutional/Board Changes

SB 1037 (1976): Provides for the Board of Trustees of State Colleges to be designated the Board of Trustees of the State Universities and Colleges, and for Towson State College to become a university, contingent upon its having met the criteria for name change established by the Board for Higher Education.

Employees: Retirement

Faculty/Employees
SB 3 (1975): Authorizes an optional retirement program which may be adopted by the governing boards of the University of Maryland, the state colleges, St. Mary's College, the community colleges and the Council for Higher Education.

Eminent Scholar Program

HB 1444 (1976): Establishes an eminent scholar program to attract professors who have achieved national prominence in their disciplines to Maryland's public higher education institutions.

Retirement

HB 888 (1976): Allows professional employees an option to enroll in the teachers' retirement system or an alternative program (applies to community colleges).

SJR 31 (1976): Requests the creation of a legislative task force to consider whether collective bargaining rights should be extended to additional public employees. — *Collective Bargaining*

Health Professions

SJR 28 (1975): Requests the governor to appoint a committee to explore the possibility of establishing a school of veterinary medicine either in Maryland or to serve Maryland in conjunction with neighboring states. — *Health Fields: Veterinary Study*

SJR 67 (1975): Requests the Council for Higher Education to study the problem of optometric manpower shortage in the state. — *Optometric Manpower Study*

HB 572 (1975): Creates a state family practice residency program with 20 annual residencies of $15,000 each for support costs for the resident training in a three-year accredited family practice program. — *Family Practice Residencies*

HJR 101 (1975): Requests the governor to appoint a commission to examine the sources of registered nurses in Maryland, the cost of their education and all other relevant aspects of the diploma school of nursing education system. — *Nursing Study*

HB 38 (1976): Establishes the statewide medical education and training system. — *Medical Education*

Private Institutions (see also student assistance)

HB 1395 (1976): Provides that any student enrolled in a private college or university who is presently receiving or has received a scholarship in excess of the tuition and mandatory fees at the University of Maryland shall continue to receive the scholarship for the remainder of his or her undergraduate enrollment, provided all eligibility requirements are met. — *Aid to Private*

Student Assistance (see also community/junior colleges and private institutions)

SB 103 (1975): Directs that funds as provided in the state budget may be used to support grants and scholarships for eligible minority students enrolled in the school of law. — *Student Aid: Minority Aid*

SB 338 (1975): Provides for a change in the State Scholarship Board membership from seven to nine persons. — *Scholarship Board Change*

HB 264 (1975): Creates a state scholarship program for Vietnam-era veterans and prisoners of war who are Maryland residents. — *Aid to Veterans*

HB 1585 (1975): Provides for participation in the delegate scholarship program; if a student is enrolled in a private institution the grant will not exceed the amount of the equivalent tuition and fees at the University of Maryland. — *Delegate Scholarships*

SB 598 (1975): Eliminates condition of passing a competitive examination by providing for applicants to merely take the examination, administered by the State Scholarship Board. — *Examinations*

SB 857 (1976): Requires institutions to notify the State Scholarship Board within 30 days of any withdrawals by students who hold senatorial or delegate scholarship awards. — *Student Withdrawals*

Miscellaneous

SB 785 (1975): Provides for a fire and rescue institute within the University of Maryland. — *Fire & Rescue Institute*

HB 391 (1975): Provides for agreements with local boards of education for the purposes of student teaching and provides the student teacher with the same authority granted to certified employees of the school boards. — *Student Teachers*

HB 784 (1976): Establishes in the Board of Higher Education a state fire rescue education and training commission. — *Fire/Rescue Training*

HJR 1 (1976): Requested the Board for Higher Education to study the problem of out-of-state and foreign students in Maryland's public colleges and universities. — *Nonresident Study*

SB 152 (1976): Requires certified public accountants to comply with continuing education requirements established by the Board of Certified Public Accountants. — *Accountants Certification*

Bills considered but not passed during the 1975 legislative session include: — *Defeated Bills: 1975-Student Aid; Accreditation; Statewide Two-year Programs*

HB 536, SB 455 and SB 518: three measures to coordinate the system of student financial assistance; HB 1061: recommended the transfer of accreditation functions from the State Department of Education to the Council for Higher Education; SB 1070: recommended that the council be given the authority to designate certain programs offered in community colleges as being statewide programs and that funds be provided to the State Board for Community Colleges for implementation of such a plan so that students may enroll in such programs at the same tuition costs no matter where they live in the state.

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Major issues considered by or acted on by the 1975 Massachusetts legislature were reported in the 1975 annual report from Massachusetts (*Higher Education in the States*, Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 60). The 1976 legislative session began on January 7 and concluded late in the fall. Although a great deal of legislation concerning postsecondary education was discussed during this latter session, of primary importance was the issue of reorganization of the governance of higher education into a proposed "superboard" similar to those adopted in other states. After a great deal of study and discussion of three proposed reorganization bills, the education committee adopted a resolution calling for a study commission to further investigate the issue.

Appropriations/Finance

Facilities Debt Reduction

H 4651 (Chap. 79, 1976): Provides that $4.6 million be paid by the state to reduce the indebtedness of the Southeastern Massachusetts Building Authority as a result of borrowing for the construction of a student union building adjacent dormitories and dining facilities, and that the authority shall convey to the state for the use of Southeastern Massachusetts University the student union building located on its campus.

Tax Exemption

H 5093 (Chap. 263, 1976): Relates to the real estate tax exemptions of certain religious organizations.

Student Activity Fees

H 5199 (Chap. 418, 1976): Provides that all student activities fees and all receipts from student activities shall be retained by the president of the college in a revolving fund and shall be expended as the president of the college may direct in furthering student activities.

Health Professions

Medical Student Supervised Practice

H 201 (Chap. 106, 1976): Provides that a medical student who has creditably completed not less than two years of study in a legally chartered medical school wherever located may practice medicine, but only under the supervision of an instructor in a legally chartered medical school who shall be a registered physician in the state and a staff physician in a licensed hospital of not less than 25 beds or an associated clinic to which the student may be assigned. The board may designate other facilities or locations in which such students may practice medicine under the conditions described above and these students shall not sign certificates of births or deaths nor prescribe or dispense narcotic drugs.

Student Assistance

Veterans Aid

S 227 (Chap. 457, 1976): Clarifies eligibility for Vietnam veterans under the state educational financial aid program and clarifies the eligibility of part-time students under tuition exemption programs.

Miscellaneous

Kennedy Library

H 5133 (Chap. 298, 1976): Authorizes and directs the University of Massachusetts to convey a certain parcel of land at Columbia Point in Dorchester to the United States of America "to provide a site for the presidential archival depository of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library."

Veterans Preference Law

H 5010 (Chap 200, 1976): Suspends the operation of the veterans' preference law until final judgment has been entered in a U.S. district court case.

S 540 (Chap. 156, 1976): Defines the term "Vietnam Veteran" by making certain qualifications in dates and lengths of service.

Land Conveyance

H 3741 (Chap. 76, 1976): Directs the Board of Trustees of Southeastern Massachusetts University to waive the restrictions in a deed of conveyance of certain land by the state when such land shall be used for municipal purposes.

Defeated Bills: Board Election; Trustees Terms; Career Guidance Study; Program Review; Veterinary Medicine Contracts; New Student Loan Agency; Voc-Ed Agency

Among the measures defeated during the 1976 session were:
H 2068: provided that the board of the Regional Community Colleges elect the chairman by a majority vote; H 3001: increased the terms of trustees of Southeastern Massachusetts University from three years to five years (vetoed by governor); S 261: directed the Board of Higher Education to investigate the career guidance received by students in the state universities, colleges and community colleges, and required the board to review all courses offered by any institution of higher learning to determine duplication; S 1328: allowed the state to enter into contractual agreements with colleges of veterinary medicine to provide for 10 students annually; S 1404: related to the scope of the special commission to consider the establishment of a state student loan agency; and H 3004: established a state education and vocational training assistance agency.

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The 1975 session of the Michigan legislature convened on January 9 and continued until late in December. A number of bills concerning higher education were considered but because of the continuation of fiscal austerity measures several bills were not enacted. Important higher education legislation affected included bills increasing student financial assistance for native Americans, students attending private institutions, part-time students, children of veterans and senior citizens. The 1976 session convened on January 14 and acted on a number of higher education bills held over from the 1975 session. Among those concerns raised in 1975 which received legislative attention were free tuition for North American Indians, the governor's academic achievement awards to high school graduates, earned degree payments to approved nonpublic institutions and the creation of an office for the Michigan internship program. Other important higher education legislation was affected including bills that would impact student financial assistance for both the student and the lender, allied health and operational planning. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 62 and No. 4, p. 181, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also community/junior colleges)

Appropriations: Operating

SB 307 (PA 263, 1975): Operating budget for institutions of higher education provided a total of $471.5 million from state funds.

Capital

SB 309 (PA 246, 1975): Provided $33.4 million for capital outlay appropriations for institutions of higher education.

Operating

SB 1345 (PA 250, 1976): Operating budget for institutions of higher education provided a total of $490.8 million of state funds for the 1976-77 fiscal year.

Supplemental

SB 1402 (PA 206, 1976): Provided a supplemental appropriation of $109.6 million for institutions of higher education to compensate for the fiscal year being extended to September 30.

Capital

HB 6110 (PA 248, 1976): Capital budget for public colleges and universities: $21.6 million of state funds for capital outlay programs of the institutions; a supplemental capital outlay appropriation for higher education of $13.5 million was provided by HB 5886 (PA 105).

Community/Junior Colleges

Two-year Colleges: Tuition

HB 5378 (PA 219, 1975): Removes the restriction on the amount of tuition charged by community colleges.

Capital Appropriations

SB 1136 (PA 231, 1975): Provides $5.3 million for construction appropriations at community and junior colleges.

Operating Budgets

SB 306 (PA 258, 1975): Provides $90.5 million for the operating budgets of community and junior colleges.

SB 1346 (PA 244, 1976): Operating budget for junior and community colleges provided $101.5 million for the 1976-77 fiscal year; a supplemental appropriation for the extended fiscal year was approved by SB 1403 (PA 207) for $22.7 million to meet operating needs for the fifth quarter.

Capital Budgets

HB 6097 (PA 245, 1976): Capital budget for junior and community colleges allocated $2.7 million of state funds for capital outlay programs of the institutions for fiscal year 1976-77.

Coordination and Governance

College Name Change

HB 4220 (PA 14, 1975): Authorized the renaming of Saginaw Valley College to Saginaw Valley State College.

Student Assistance

Student Aid: Supplemental Funds

SB 80 (PA 1, 1975): Provides supplemental appropriations for state competitive scholarships and tuition grants.

Loan Bonds

SB 624 (PA 222, 1975): Authorizes the higher education student loan authority to sell bonds to finance the student loan program through the Department of Education.

Aid to Indians

HB 4130 (PA 174, 1976): Effective August 1, 1976, provides free tuition for North American Indians residing in the state.

Aid to High School Graduates

HB 5411 (PA 228, 1976): Created a scholarship program for high school graduates based solely upon academic achievement.

Lender Disclosure

HB 5937 (PA 167, 1976): Requires that lender disclosure of interest and fee charges be made on all loans for educational purposes.

Aid to Private

SB 1126 (PA 59, 1976): Provides public funds to nonpublic institutions for certain degrees earned by Michigan residents (capitation grants).

Loans Financing

SB 1409 (PA 163, 1976): Permits the refinancing or consolidation of student loan obligations.

Internship Office

SB 884 (PA 154, 1976): Authorized the creation of an office to administer and direct the Michigan internship program.

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The 1975 session of the Minnesota legislature convened January 7 and adjourned May 19. The 1976 session commenced January 27 and adjourned April 7. The following significant actions were taken affecting postsecondary education. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 63 and No. 4, p. 182, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations: Operating

Appropriations/Finance (see also coordination/governance)
HF 1758 (1975): Appropriated $537 million for biennium for community college operations, the University of Minnesota and its hospitals, state colleges, aid to libraries, the Higher Education Coordinating Board and funds for medical education. The coordinating board's appropriation for the biennium included $7.2 million for the full funding of the private college contract program, $10.75 million for state scholarships, $17.9 million for state grants-in-aid and $1.75 million for state work-study programs.

Aid to Private and Student Aid

Salary Increases

The bill includes a faculty salary increase of 10 percent for the first year of the biennium for the University of Minnesota and 5 percent the second year; a 15 percent increase the first year for state college faculty and 5 percent the second year; the bill assumes a tuition increase for the three collegiate systems of 10 percent the first year of the biennium and 5 percent the second year.

Voc-Tech Funding

HF 235 (1975): The $1.6 billion school aid bill included funding for postsecondary vocational institutes and changed the funding from reimbursement of past expenditures to a current funding basis.

Capital

HF 1810 (1975): Authorized issuance of $12.3 million in state building bonds for construction and equiping of a new law school building at the University of Minnesota; also created a vocational-technical building fund and appropriated $15.5 million from the fund to the State Board of Education for the acquisition and betterment of public land, buildings and capital improvements needed to implement the state plan for the administration of vocational education.

HF 2677 and HF 2678 (1976): Included $63 million for remodeling, constructing and equipping state buildings and facilities, $54 million in bonding and $9 million in direct appropriations and $21 million for the University of Minnesota, $9.7 million for state universities and $4.8 million for community colleges.

Coordinating Board Duties, including:

Coordination/Governance
HF 787 (1975): An omnibus bill dealing with duties of the Higher Education Coordinating Board, including:

Budget Review; Student Aid; Reciprocity; Aid to Private; Medical Education

- established budget review as statutory responsibility of the board;
- authorized tuition reciprocity agreements with North and South Dakota;
- authorized portability of student aid awards with states Minnesota has tuition reciprocity with;
- raised maximum scholarship and grant-in-aid award from $1,000 to $1,100;
- increased bonding authorization from $30 million to $90 million for state student loan program;
- authorized change in the state scholarship and grant program which will enable students at proprietary institutions to be eligible for first time;
- changed funding authorization for private college contract payments by shifting emphasis from accommodating increasingly larger numbers of Minnesota residents to providing incentives to private colleges and universities to continue their present level of service to residents and to continue to serve residents from low-income families;
- authorized the board to issue revenue bonds for renewing loans to medical and osteopathy students and $120,000 for new loans under the medical student loan

program; reduces maximum annual loan from $6,000 to $5,000 and reduced the aggregate maximum from $24,000 to $20,000.

College Status Change

SF 829 (1975): Required state college board to designate state colleges as state universities.

Annual Meetings of Boards

SF 360 (1976): Directed the Higher Education Coordinating Board to sponsor an annual meeting of representatives of state's higher education boards to discuss issues of mutual concern and facilitate planning and coordination.

Student Regent

SF 357 (1976): Required that starting in 1977 one member of the Board of Regents shall be a person who at the time of his election to the board is a student at or has graduated from the university within five years prior to his election.

Defeated Bill to Create Superboard

SF 814, HF 1397 (1976): Bills introduced in 1975 to create superboard to govern Minnesota higher education. The senate in 1976 passed version directing Higher Education Coordinating Board to present consolidated budget request for the systems and to approve, disapprove or modify requests; the house eliminated references to budgetary authority and passed version creating legislative advisory task force to study higher education governance and coordination. (No compromise was reached on bills.)

Faculty/Employees (see appropriations/finance)

Health Professions (see also coordination/governance)

Optometry/Osteopathy Study

HF 717 (1976): Directed the coordinating board to study availability of educational opportunities in optometry and osteopathy for Minnesota students and report results to legislature in January 1977.

Private Institutions (see also appropriations/finance and coordination/governance)

Approval and Registration of Private Colleges

HF 1506 (1975): Provided procedures for registration and approval of private postsecondary institutions by coordinating board.

SF 2581 (1976): Stated that the Higher Education Coordinating Board prior to March 1, 1977 shall not enforce any provisions of the Private Institutions Registration Act approved by the 1975 legislature.

Student Assistance (see also appropriations/finance and coordination/governance)

Student Aid: Work Study

HF 1638 (1975): Authorized a new state work study program to be administered by the coordinating board.

Aid to Elderly

HF 257 (1975): Entitles senior citizens 62 or over to attend courses in any state-supported higher education institution without payment of tuition or activity fee; a fee of $2 per credit hour is to be collected only when course is taken for credit.

Defeated Bill

HF 603, SF 548 (1976): Provided financial aid to part-time students; the bill passed the house but died in the senate.

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The Mississippi legislature met in session from January 7 through April 6, 1975. During the session, over 30 bills directly or indirectly affecting higher education were approved. The 1976 legislature convened on January 6 and adjourned May 6. Most legislation concerned appropriations for current programs and credit-hour limitations for students enrolled at degree-granting centers were altered. There were no appropriations for capital construction because of disagreement regarding what projects to include. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 66 and No. 4, p. 185, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Appropriations: Operating

SB 2621, 2855, 2858, 2901, 2902, 2903, 2931, 2935 and 2984 (1975): Appropriates a total of $86.9 million for 1975-76 for postsecondary education, including $302,359 for the Board of Trustees central office, $70,199,809 for general and operating expenses for the public universities and $16.4 million for education, research, agricultural and extension centers and laboratories.

Criminal Justice

HB 1280 (1975): Appropriates $32,000 to the University of Mississippi Law Center for matching funds for a Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grant to fund criminal justice programs.

Capital

SB 2852 (1975): Amends 1968 legislation and provides that this appropriation of $5

million be used for the purpose of making repairs and renovations to existing buildings and related facilities and for the purchasing or replacing of equipment for all state institutions and state departments.

Veterinary School

SB 2970 (1975): Makes an additional appropriation of $1.5 million to the State Building Commission out of revenue sharing funds for plans and construction preliminaries for the school of veterinary medicine at Mississippi State University.

Capital

HB 1289 (1975): Appropriates $6,720,193 to the State Building Commission for furnishing and equipping certain institutions, agencies and departments; of this total, $5,967,086 is designated for institutions of higher learning.

Health/Physical Education

HB 1364 (1975): Appropriates $125,000 to the State Building Commission for purchasing furnishings and equipment for the health and physical education building at Alcorn State University.

Criminal Justice

SB 2969 (1976): Appropriates $32,000 for the University of Mississippi Law Center as matching federal grants for criminal justice programs.

Operating

SB 2942, 2962, 2972, 2981, 3017, 3018, 3007 and 3030 (1976): Appropriates a total of $90.2 million for 1976-77 for postsecondary education, including $276,464 for the central office of the trustees, $73.2 million for general and operating expenses for the public universities and $16.7 million for education, research, agricultural and extension centers and laboratories.

Coordination/Governance

Credit-Hour Limitations

HB 190 (1976): Removes credit-hour limitations regarding degree-granting centers of state universities; requires each degree-granting center to be an identified part of the overall budget request for universities and allows students to register for a maximum of nine semester hours per quarter at degree-granting centers on the quarter system and 12 semester hours per semester at degree-granting centers on the semester system.

Health Fields:

Health Professions (see also appropriations/finance)

Medical Student Loans

SB 2173 (1975): Increases to $24,000 from $5,000 the maximum medical education loan, provides for the repayment of such loan at 6 percent interest to accrue after completion of medical training, defines certain terms, provides for full and partial forgiveness of loans under prescribed conditions and provides for liquidated damages in the event there is a breach of the loan agreement; and for related purposes.

Pharmceutical

SB 2857 (1975): Appropriates $617,433 for the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Veterinary Medicine

SB 2936 (1975): Appropriates $814,149 for the operation of the college of veterinary medicine at Mississippi State University.

Nursing

SB 2922, 2972, 2975 and 2979 (1975): Appropriates a total of $3,641,495 for nursing scholarships and nursing programs at University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University for Women.

Medical/Dental

SB 2937, 2985 and 2987 (1975): Appropriates a total of $18,650,943 for the University of Mississippi medical school, dental school and teaching hospital.

Medical/Nursing Loans

HB 1261 (1975): Approves expenditure of funds in the amount of $23,000 from the medical education loan revolving fund for medical and nursing education.

Nursing

SB 2963 (1976): Appropriates $1,259,650 for nursing scholarships and aid to nursing education.

Pharmaceutical

SB 2984 (1976): Appropriates $600,813 for the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Veterinary Medicine

SB 2998 (1976): Appropriates $951,960 for the college of veterinary medicine at Mississippi State University.

Medical/Dental/Nursing

SB 3002, 3003, 3004, 3005 and 3006 (1976): Appropriates a total of $23,072,108 for the University of Mississippi nursing, health related professions, medical and dental schools and teaching hospital.

Medical Student Loans

HB 1416 (1976): Approves expenditure of funds from the state medical education loan revolving fund in the amount of $199,200.

Student Aid:

Student Assistance (see also health professions)

Graduate Scholarships

SB 2856 (1975): Appropriates $250,000 for the graduate and professional degree scholarship program.

SB 2860 (1975): Appropriates $991,166 for the state's involvement in the various programs of the Southern Regional Education Board. *Regional Programs*

SB 2969 (1975): Appropriates $4,445 for scholarships to children of disabled law enforcement officers or firemen. *Police/Firemen Dependents*

HB 1001 (1975): Establishes a program of federally guaranteed student loans to provide postsecondary education for students attending certain public and private institutions and schools. The program has not yet been funded. *Guaranteed Loans*

SB 2964 (1976): Appropriates $850,000 for the Southern Regional Education Board program. *Regional Programs*

SB 2975 (1976): Appropriates $200,000 for the graduate and professional degree scholarship program. *Graduate Scholarships*

Miscellaneous
SB 2368 (1975): Requires open meetings of public bodies. *Open Meetings*

HB 16 (1975): Provides a definition of the term "working day," establishes office hours for state agencies from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and clarifies the granting and transferring of annual leave. *Working Hours*

HB 355 (1976): Provides for uniform administrative procedures for the various state agencies with regard to rules, regulations and contested cases and also provides for publication of rules and decisions by the Secretary of State. *Administration*

HB 941 (1976): Redefines vacation and sick leave for appointed officers and employees of the state. *Vacations/Sick Leave*

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The 1975 session of the Missouri legislature began on January 8 and adjourned on June 30 (as set by law). There was relatively little postsecondary education-centered legislation introduced during the session. A review of the more important of these is set out in some detail below. The 1976 session of the legislature began on January 8 and adjourned on May 15. Although a number of bills were introduced relating to two- and four-year public and private institutions, other than appropriation and financial measures, only one was passed. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 67 and No. 4, p. 231, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also student assistance and community/junior colleges)
HB 7 (1975): Appropriated operating funds from general revenue for fiscal year 1975-76 including $74,414,549 for public senior institutions, $18,565,729 for public junior colleges, $795,066 for the Department of Higher Education, $700,000 for state aid to public libraries and $109,579 for state aid for the blind. *Appropriations: Operating*

HB 9 (1975): Provided capital appropriations of $9,409,176 for senior public institutions for fiscal 1975-76. *Capital*

HB 1007 (1976): Appropriated operating funds from general revenue for fiscal year 1976-77 including $195,502,847 for public senior institutions, $26,045,151 for public junior colleges, $839,000 for the Department of Higher Education, $700,000 for state aid to public libraries and $194,847 for state aid for the blind. *Operating*

HB 1009 (1976): Provided capital appropriations for public senior institutions of higher education for fiscal year 1976-77 totaling $14,990,000. *Capital*

HB 1016 (1976): Appropriated $5 million for the purchase of the Marillac Campus by the University of Missouri-St. Louis and an emergency appropriation of $1.35 million for public junior colleges. *Campus Purchase Two-year Colleges*

HB 1013 (1976): Appropriated $2,595,908 for a veterinary medical complex at the University of Missouri-Columbia and $5,852,864 for a performing arts center at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, contingent upon receipt of $3 million in donations. *Veterinary Medicine Performing Arts*

Community/Junior Colleges (see also appropriations/finance)
SB 190 (1975): Allows junior colleges to raise tax assessments without a popular vote; new rates are 30 cents on each $100 valuation for districts having $250 million assessed *Two-year Colleges: Tax Assessments*

valuation, and a rate of 40 cents per $100 assessed valuation for districts having less than $250 million valuation.

Lost Revenues

HB 629 (1975): Authorizes junior college districts to file amended applications for state funds to supplement lost revenue occasioned by the repeal of the state's intangible property tax last year.

Funding/Governance

HB 243 (1975): Extended for a 10-year period the rights of Trenton and Moberly Junior Colleges to continue to receive state aid and placed all junior colleges established prior to October 13, 1961 under the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Funding Formula

HB 526 (1975): Establishes a funding rate for state aid to junior colleges that prescribes up to but no more than 50 perent of the average operating cost per credit hour to be provided, with the rate to be determined by the Department of Higher Education.

Two-year to Four-year Colleges

Coordination/Governance (see also community/junior colleges)
SB 114 (1975): Makes Missouri Southern and Missouri Western State Colleges into four-year state-supported institutions and dissolves their supporting junior college districts.

Student Aid: Appropriation

Student Assistance
HB 7 (1975): Appropriates $3,371,299 for fiscal 1975-76 for Missouri residents to attend public or private institutions within the state.

Appropriation Ceiling

SB 586 (1976): Removes the maximum $3.5 million annual ceiling on appropriations for the student financial aid program administered by the Department of Higher Education.

Appropriation

HB 1007 (1976): Appropriated $3.5 million in state funds (plus $800,000 in federal funds) for student financial aid program for 1976-77.

Safety Regulations

Miscellaneous
SB 519 (1976): Established safety regulations to be jointly implemented by the Departments of Elementary-Secondary and Higher Education with guidelines to specify eye safety devices for use in elementary, secondary and postsecondary institutions of the state.

Defeated Bills (1975): Proprietary Board; Student Regent; New Facilities

Bills introduced but not passed in 1975 include:
SB 207 and SB 454: proposed that a board of proprietary schools be established; SB 228: provided for the appointment of a student to the governing board of public senior instituions; and HB 212: authorized the state colleges to establish and maintain facilities anywhere within their territorial jurisdictions.

Defeated Bills (1976): Aid to Elderly and Veterans; Medical Loans; Collective Bargaining; Libraries; Branches; Student Regents; Student Records

Bills introduced but not passed in 1976 include:
HB 1069: provided reduced tuition rates for citizens over 65 years of age; HB 1100: provided loans to medical students who agree to serve in rural areas; HB 1233: granted collective bargaining rights to employees of public schools, universities and colleges; HB 1021: provided for the establishment of public libraries; HB 1523: provided tuition allowances for veterans; HB 1414: allowed state colleges to operate branch facilities: HB 534: provided for a student member to be appointed to sit on the governing bodies of all state institutions; and HB 1656: provided that public records should not include personally identifiable student records as maintained by institutions.

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The following is the Montana legislative report for the 1975 session, which began on January 6. Since the legislature meets every two years there is no report for 1976. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 69 and No. 4, p. 186, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations: Operating

Appropriations/Finance (see also faculty/employees)
HB 271 (1975): Appropriates funds to the Board of Regents for the university system units for the biennium ending June 30, 1977, and for other matters relating to the appropriations; the bill as passed was approximately $11 million below the regents' request and $2 million below the governor's proposed budget.

Salary Increases

HB 272 (1975): Appropriates to various state agencies for implementation of the statewide pay plan to cover the provisions of the pay plan retroactive to January 1, 1975, through June 30, 1975; funds were to be distributed prior to that date.

Two-year Districts

HB 513 (1975): Allows the Board of Regents to allocate up to three mills of the six mills

that are levied annually for the support of the Montana University System to the community college districts.

HB 624 (1975): Provides financing for the community college districts at a 65/35 state-to-local ratio. — *Two-year Formulas*

SB 84 (1975): Provides for the recovery of indirect costs of federal assistance programs. — *Indirect Costs*

SB 87 (1975): Creates funds for assisting local governments and highway systems impacted by coal development and for the support of public schools throughout the state; one-fourth of the income from investments of the unexpended balance of the account will be paid to the regents for use in the university system "subject to the budgeting authority of the legislature" — the other 75 percent will go for state equalization aid to public schools. — *Equalization Funds*

SB 401 (1975): Grants the legislative finance committee review and approval power over budget amendments. — *Budget Approval*

SB 407 (1975): Provides for qualified electors of Montana to approve an amendment to require the legislature to impose a severance tax on coal and to dedicate a portion thereof to educational trust fund. — *Severance Tax*

Coordination/Governance — *Governance: Proprietary Licensure*

HB 247 (1975): Clarifies the requirement that proprietary postsecondary institutions be licensed by the Department of Business Regulation and provides exemption for institutions accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the regents or the Board of Public Education.

HB 566 (1975): Transfers responsibility for vocational-technical education from the Board of Public Education and the state superintendent to the State Board of Education and provides for an administrative committee made up of three members of the Board of Public Education and two members of the Board of Regents to employ an executive officer and to be responsible for administrative policies. — *Voc-Tech Governance*

HB 656 (1975): Allows student representatives to participate in negotiations involving the regents and public employees in certain cases. — *Students in Collective Bargaining*

HJR 26 (1975): Urges the Board of Regents and the Board of Public Education to develop and establish a management information system for postsecondary institutions. — *Management Information System*

SB 55 (1975): Changes the term of office for trustees of community colleges from seven to three years. — *Trustee Terms*

SB 83 (1975): Prescribes the duties of the state budget director regarding federal assistance programs; provides procedures by which such programs may be accepted by the state. — *Federal Assistance*

SJR 5 (1975): Urges the regents to eliminate unnecessary duplication of doctoral programs at the state's universities. — *Program Duplication*

SJR 17 (1975): Urges the regents to govern all units of the university system as one unit. — *Governance*

Faculty/Employees (see also appropriations/finance) — *Employees: Maternity Leave*

HB 9 (1975): Provides maternity leave to public and private employees.

HB 41 (1975): Revises the law relating to the teachers' retirement system. — *Retirement*

HB 167 (1975): Prohibits the employment of professional strikebreakers in a labor dispute and limits the right to recruit employees to replace those involved in a labor dispute. — *Strikes*

HB 206 (1975): Changes the notification deadline for renewal of nontenured teachers' annual contracts. — *Contract Renewals*

HB 217 (1975): Extends the eligibility for insurance programs for state employees to members or employees of the legislature. — *Insurance*

HB 220 (1975): Requires all employers to grant to employees who are elected or appointed to public office a leave of absence of not more than 180 days per year while performing public service, and requires employees to make arrangements to return to work within 10 days following the completion of such public service. — *Leave of Absence*

HB 232 (1975): Provides that in mediation of disputes involving collective bargaining either party may petition the Board of Personnel Appeals to supply a list of five qualified disinterested persons; through alternate elimination, one person will be designated fact — *Collective Bargaining Mediation*

finder who will establish hearings and report his findings not more than 20 days after appointment.

Collective Bargaining — HB 233 (1975): Specifically designates the Commissioner of Higher Education as the authorized representative in collective bargaining.

Unfair Labor Practices — HB 253 (1975): Details actions which constitute unfair labor practices on the part of a public employer.

Minimum Wage — HB 274 (1975): Increases the minimum wage for employees in the state.

Appeals — HB 452 (1975): Provides an appeals procedure before the Board of Personnel Appeals for state employees.

Negotiations — HB 457 (1975): Provides that submission of a negotiated settlement to the legislature may meet the state's requirement of negotiating in good faith.

HB 458 (1975): Insures that anything relevant to the determination of reasonable classifications and grade levels for state employees shall be a negotiable item appropriate for consideration under the provisions of the collective bargaining act for public employees.

Vacations — HB 514 (1975): Provides that state employees can use their accumulated vacation credits after 6 months of employment rather than 12 months.

Travel Expenses — HB 621 (1975): An act to revise, limit and standardize the travel expense reimbursement provisions for all state officers and employees.

Salary Plans — HJR 37 (1975): Submits to the legislature a wage and salary plan covering all state classified personnel; the university system academic and professional employees are not covered.

Insurance — SB 25 (1975): Relates to a public employer's contribution to insurance for public employees.

Political Campaigning — SB 77 (1975): Allows public officers and employees to participate in election campaigns and protects them from undue employer influence.

Retirement — SB 257 (1975): Revises the laws relating to the public employees' retirement system.

Sick Leave — SB 312 (1975): Provides for the computation of an employee's sick leave based upon the employee's salary at the time of termination of employment.

Miscellaneous

Discrimination — HB 8 (1975): Directs the nonparticipation of the state government in discrimination on the basis of race, color, religious creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, national origin or ancestry.

Residency — HB 297 (1975): Amends various laws related to student residency requirements.

Aid to Handicapped — HB 353 (1975): Provides for community-based services for the developmentally disabled.

Indian Teacher Training — HB 389 (1975): Provides for locally-based Indian teacher training programs to be administered by local school districts or Indian nonprofit corporations in cooperation with units of higher education in the state.

Citizen Participation — HB 396 (1975): Defines legislative guidelines to insure citizens of Montana a "reasonable opportunity to participate in the operations of governmental agencies prior to the final decision of the agency"; the legislature, governor, judicial branch and military agencies are exempt.

Open Meetings — HB 412 (1975): Provides that all meetings at which action is taken by a public entity shall be open to the public.

Discrimination — HB 633 (1975): Revises the laws relating to discrimination in employment, public accomodations, education, real property law and relating to the human rights commission.

Residency — HJR 42 (1975): Requests a study of the laws relating to residence and domicile.

Defeated Bills: 1202 Commission; Termination; Commissioner's Appointment; Legislative Interns; Aid to Indians and — Bills introduced in 1975 but not passed include: HB 145: intended to satisfy federal requirements for a 1202 commission; HB 297: provided nontenured teachers with the same termination rights and procedures as tenured teachers; HB 361: removed the constitutional prerogatives of the regents to appoint the Commissioner of Higher Education; HB 394: enlarged the scope of the legislative intern act of 1974; HB 470: extended fee waivers to all enrolled members of federally

recognized tribes who have been state residents for one year; and HB 476: provided that persons of at least one-half Mexican-American descent would receive fee waivers.

Mexican-Americans

In addition the following were defeated:
HB 525: provided for refunds to college students for work stoppages, strikes or other disruptions of normal academic processes caused by professional education employees; HB 553: waived resident tuition for undergraduate students who are active members of the Montana National Guard; HB 572: required the regents to insure transferability of credits between units of the university system; SB 41: subjected certain fees set or changed by a state agency to review and approval by the legislature; SB 289: allowed a credit against income taxes for contributions to private colleges and universities; and SB 368: made the regents right to govern "subject to a grant of authority by the legislature" (if ratified by electors).

Tuition Refunds; National Guard Waivers; Transfers; Fee Approval; Income Tax Credit; Governance

NEBRASKA

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The Nebraska unicameral legislature met from January 8 to May 23, 1975. The major legislation affecting higher education in the state was LB 344 which sets up an entirely new system for the control and operation of the regional technical community colleges in Nebraska. The 1976 legislative session convened January 7 and adjourned April 9. One important legislation passed was LB 579 which provides statutory authority for the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 72 and No. 4, p. 188, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Appropriations: Operating

LB 610 (1975): Appropriated a total of $165.4 million to the university and state college system, $11.6 million for operations of the technical community colleges and $1.26 million to the University of Nebraska for capital construction.

Gerontology Studies

LB 13 (1975): Eliminates a restriction on the appropriation for gerontology studies passed by the legislature in 1974.

Operating

(1976): Appropriated a total of $122.024 million to the university, state college and technical community college systems.

Animal Research

LB 869 (1976): Creates the animal research and diagnosis revolving fund to support research by the diagnostic laboratory of the University of Nebraska animal health research center.

Capital

LB 690 (1976): The University of Nebraska was appropriated a total of $4.86 million for capital construction.

Veterinary Medicine Contracts

(1976): Appropriated $123,000 to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus for veterinary medicine surgery college contracts.

Space Lease

(1976): The University of Nebraska-Omaha campus and Metropolitan Technical Community College were appropriated $5 million for space lease at the Omaha downtown education center.

Community/Junior Colleges (see also appropriations/finance, coordination/governance and faculty/employees)

Two-year Colleges: Property

LB 371 (1975): Provides that the area boards of community technical colleges may acquire and dispose of any personal property they see fit.

Tax Shelter Annuities

LB 54 (1975): Grants the State Board of Technical Community Colleges or any area board the authority to purchase tax shelter annuity contracts.

Coordination/Governance (see also community/junior colleges and faculty/employees)

Regional Governing Boards

LB 344 (1975): Sets up an entirely new system for the control and operation of the regional technical community colleges in Nebraska; the bill vests total control in the regional boards with each board autonomous; no operational control is exercised at the state level.

Institute Transfer

LB 466 (1975): Transfers control of the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

New Coordinating Agency

LB 579 (1976): Provides statutory authority for the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Retirement

Faculty/Employees

LB 39 (1975): Requires the State Board of Technical Community Colleges to provide for uniform retirement benefits and to develop a uniform plan for adoption by each area technical college board.

LB 41 (1975): Relates to the optional lump-sum retirement settlement provisions for small amounts of retirement annuity which was made available to members participating in the state employees retirement system.

Health Professions (see also appropriations/finance)

Nurse Licensure

LB 422 (1975): Provides for requirements for practical and registered nurse licensure.

Statewide Medical Education

LB 571 (1975): Establishes a statewide medical education program and creates a program of recruitment and training of physicians and dentists for rural communities.

Student Assistance

Aid to Military Survivors

LB 90 (1975): Extends the waiver of tuition at the state colleges and university to not only the dependents of persons killed in action but also to dependents of those who died of a service-connected disability and extends the waiver to the wife, widow or widower of certain qualified veterans.

Aid to Reserve Members

LB 266 (1976): Establishes a tuition credit for members of the active selected reserve and establishes a 50 percent tuition credit for any member of the active reserve who attends any state-supported college, university or technical school, within certain limitations.

Miscellaneous

Soil Survey

LB 180 (1976): Creates the Nebraska soil survey fund within the office of the State Treasurer; the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission shall contract with the University of Nebraska to establish a program of soil survey throughout the state.

Cooperative Extension

LB 332 (1976): Requires the cooperative extension service of the university to provide training sessions on the use of restricted pesticides through its county extension agents.

College of Fine Arts

LB 995 (1976): Empowers the University of Nebraska to establish a college of fine arts.

Driver's License Exemption

LB 846 (1976): Provides that full-time college students who are nonresidents are exempt from the driver's license requirements in Nebraska.

Defeated Bills: Capital Construction; Site Acquisition

Bills introduced but not passed during the 1976 session include:
LB 1007: authorized the construction of a health, physical education and recreational facility with a total cost not to exceed $6.69 million at the university, Omaha, and LB 1011: authorized the Board of Trustees of the state colleges to acquire Major's Hall on the Peru State College campus.

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The 1975 session of the Nevada legislature met from January 20 through May 22, and passed several pieces of legislation that affect higher education. As the legislature meets biennially there was no session in 1976. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 74, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations: Operating

Appropriations/Finance (see also faculty/employees)

AB 803 (1975): Approved funding for 1975-76 for the University of Nevada System amounting to $36,163,636 for 1975-76 and $40,329,667 for 1976-77.

Supplemental/ Nonappropriated Funds

SB 619 (1975): In addition to the appropriation from the general fund, the University of Nevada System was authorized to spend the following nonappropriated funds of $9,519,984 for 1975-76 and $9,948,664 for 1976-77.

Capital

SB 607 (1975): Appropriation for capital improvements statewide; included funding for the university of $5,858,730.

Budget Studies

ACR 9 (1975): Directs the legislative commission to study the budget formulas and budget format of the university.

Archaeological Survey

AB 210 (1975): Establishes the Nevada archaeological survey and appropriates funds to preserve the state's heritage.

SB 552 (1975): Appropriates $370,000 for the construction of a solar energy research laboratory in Clark County under the Desert Research Institute of the university system. *Solar Energy Research*

Faculty/Employees
AB 377 (1975): Increases travel and subsistence expenses for state employees and officers from $25 to $28 for each 24-hour period during which the employee is away from the office and within the state; in addition, up to $15 plus a "reasonable room rate" is provided for each 24-hour period during which the employee is outside the state. *Employees: Travel Expenses*

SB 606 (1975): Places a limitation on salaries of public employees to 95 percent of the governor's salary; provides that candidates for an elective office must first resign from present elective post before running for an office unless they are running for reelection. *Salary Limitations/ Elective Offices*

SB 494 (1975): Requires the Board of Regents to adopt and promulgate regulations establishing a system of probation and fair dismissal for the professional employees of the community college division. *Probation/Dismissal*

SB 11 (1975): Prohibits the "employing authority" from the employment of relatives to the third degree of consanguinity or affinity. *Nepotism*

SB 255 (1975): Allows state agencies to experiment with innovative work weeks upon the approval of the head of the agency and after majority consent of the affected employees. *Innovative Work Weeks*

AB 448 (1975): Allows the University of Nevada System and the school districts to contract for student teachers. *Student Teachers*

AB 610 (1975): Establishes a code of ethical standards for public officers and employees and requires financial disclosure of candidates for office and office holders. *Ethical Standards*

Miscellaneous
SB 8 (1975): Requires that public buildings have toilet facilities for physically handicapped persons to meet criteria of the American Standards Association. *Aid to Handicapped*

AB 389 (1975): Authorized the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education commissioners to contract for placement of students outside of the compact region. *Regional Contracts*

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New Hampshire, which by law holds its legislative sessions biennially, will convene in January 1977. The major development in postsecondary education in New Hampshire as a result of the 1976 special session, held from January to June, was the enactment of the New Hampshire incentive grant program in May 1976. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 75 and No. 4, p. 188, for additional legislative information.

Student Assistance
SB 57 (1976): Provides $299,834 for grants-in-aid to New Hampshire residents attending a New Hampshire postsecondary institution; the funds are 50 percent state and 50 percent federal State Student Incentive Grant funds; provides for a 5 percent incentive to banks on that portion of loans to students which exceeds the average of such loans for the last three years. *Student Aid*

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The 1975 session of the New Jersey legislature convened on January 14 and met periodically during the year. Through most of the 1976 sessions, the legislature concentrated on enacting a statewide income tax, which was necessary to implement the constitutionally mandated and court-ordered "thorough and efficient" system of financing elementary and secondary education in the state. An income tax of 2 percent to 2.5 percent of gross income was enacted on July 8, 1976, as part of a package including "caps" on state, county and local spending. The "caps" restrict state budget increases to a percentage increase not to exceed the percentage increase in New Jersey personal per capita income using fiscal year 1976-77 as the base year. Such a restriction has obvious

implications for future spending in higher education. The enormous amount of time consumed with the income tax is largely responsible for the paucity of other legislation during the legislative sessions to date. See also Vol. 5, no. 2, p. 75 and No. 4, p. 234, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also health professions)

Operating Appropriations

S 3175 (1975): Appropriates $330.7 million for the higher education operating budget based on a full-time equivalent enrollment of 154,371 in fiscal year 1975-76; this was $17.2 million less than was appropriated in fiscal year 1974-75 for approximately the same enrollment.

S 1500 (1976): Appropriates $313 million for the higher education operating budget in fiscal year 1976-77 based on projected full-time equivalent enrollment of 145,123; it is expected that actual full-time equivalent enrollment will substantially exceed this figure, with the over-enrollment concentrated in the community college sector.

Health Professions

Medical School Without Walls

S 1249 (1976): Appropriates $600,000 to the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry for a South Jersey medical program, an innovative medical school without walls utilizing a network of community hospitals for clinical training; the program will attempt to maximize educational interaction between allopathic and osteopathic students.

Student Aid:

Student Assistance

Penalty for Loan Nonparticipation

A 1566 (1975): Prohibits any financial institution to hold or receive public funds until they participate in the student loan program (vetoed by the governor).

Unsecured Loans

A 1735 (1975): Permits banking institutions to make unsecured loans for educational purposes.

Aid to Vietnam Orphans

A 1077 (1975): Amends the war orphans scholarship program to include orphans of the Vietnam war and those whose parent has been officially listed as missing in action.

Guaranteed Loan Limits

A 3322 (1975): Permits the Higher Education Assistance Authority to adjust the maximum guaranteed loan limits for eligible graduate and professional students up to 50 percent above the existing annual or total amounts which may be guaranteed under federal statutes.

Aid to Private

S 3051 (1975): Increases the tuition aid grant for students in independent colleges and revises "effective income" formula for determining student eligibility for higher education tuition aid from $9,000 to $13,500 adjusted family income.

Guaranteed Loan Limits

S 2024 (1976): Permits the Higher Education Assistance Authority to adjust maximum guaranteed loan limits for eligible graduate and professional students, without restriction to 50 percent above the amounts guaranteed by federal statutes.

Aid to Children of Vietnam POWs/MIAs

S 529 (1975): Provides a waiver of tuition at New Jersey public colleges for children of members of the Armed Forces, who are residents of New Jersey and who are prisoners of war or missing in action in Vietnam.

Tuition/Fees (see also student assistance)

Veterans Aid

A 93 (1975): Provides for reimbursement to educational institutions for tuition credit to veterans.

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The 1975 New Mexico legislature met from January 21 to March 22. The 1976 session was a short session, from January 20 to February 19, restricted to fiscal matters. General fund appropriations to support higher education were increased approximately 17 percent. Legislative actions of particular significance to higher education during the 1975 session are summarized below. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 77 and No. 4, p. 189, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also health professions)

Funding Formula

SB 432 (1975): Required the development of a funding formula in time to be incorporated into the next budget cycle; legislative recommendations for funding higher education for 1976-77 will be based on a formula which distinguishes between fields of study and among levels of instruction.

Capital Appropriation

HB 8 (1975): Appropriates $8.5 million to fund capital outlay projects at the two-year

colleges in New Mexico; general fund appropriations for the support of higher education were increased approximately 16 percent over the previous year.

Coordination/Governance

Private/Proprietary Approval

SB 123 (1975): The Board of Educational Finance was given the responsibility and authority for approving and/or licensing private and proprietary postsecondary institutions in New Mexico.

Health Professions

Medical Student Loans

HB 39 (1975): Appropriated $150,000 to implement a medical student loan program; loans would be available to New Mexico residents attending medical school and the loan would be forgiven at the rate of 20 percent a year for practice in underserved areas of New Mexico.

Tuition/Fees

Tuition Waivers

HB 280 (1975): The Board of Educational Finance was authorized to negotiate reciprocal arrangements with other states for the waiving of nonresident tuition differential.

NEW YORK

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The 1975 New York legislature convened on January 8 and adjourned July 12, and the 1976 legislature convened on January 7. The following summarizes major 1975-76 state legislation affecting higher and professional education. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 78 and No. 4, p. 189, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Appropriations: Investments

Chap. 34 (1976): Authorizes investment of State University of New York (SUNY) gift, grant, bequest and endowment funds in obligations of the state, the State Housing Finance Agency and the State Dormitory Authority.

Financing of CUNY

Chap. 345 and 346 (1976): Amends various statutes that deal with City University of New York (CUNY) financing.

Capital Financing of Two-year colleges

Chap. 725 (1976): Permits the sponsors of community colleges to finance the entire cost of capital construction and be reimbursed at a later date.

Purchase Contracts

Chap. 734 (1976): Authorizes postsecondary institutions chartered by the regents or by special act of the legislature to make purchases pursuant to contracts let by the State Division of Standards and Purchases, subject to rules established under the state finance law.

Private Colleges' Agency Contracts

Chap. 865 (1976): Appropriates $100,000 for contracts between the Commissioner of Education and the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities for part of the operating expenses of the admission, referral and information center of the commission during 1976-77.

Chap. 866 (1976): Appropriates $40,000 to the State Education Department to permit the department to contract with the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities to assist the commission in carrying out its responsibilities in connection with the 1976 master plan for higher education.

Community/Junior Colleges

Two-year Colleges: Incorporation into CUNY

Chap. 332 (1975): Incorporates the community colleges into the City University of New York (CUNY); although the colleges were sponsored by the Board of Higher Education, they were not previously an integral part of CUNY.

Nonresident Charges

Chap. 439 (1975): Increases from 10 to 45 days from the beginning of the semester or program the time by which a president of a community college shall submit charges to other counties for their residents attending the college.

Sponsor Transfer

Chap. 284 (1975): Provides for the transfer of the sponsorship of Auburn Community College from the school district of Auburn to Cayuga county.

Coordination/Governance

Student Board Members

Chap. 587 (1975): Provides for the addition of one nonvoting student member to the board of SUNY, the council of each state-operated institution of SUNY other than state institutes of applied arts and sciences, the NYC Board of Higher Education and the board of trustees of each community college, except in New York City.

Public Board Hearings

Chap. 957 (1976): Requires the board of trustees of SUNY to hold four regional public hearings each year.

Health Fields:

Health Professions

Veterinary College

Chap. 270 (1975): Changes the name of the New York State Veterinary College to the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine and expands the objectives of the college.

Medical Contracts

Chap. 576 (1975): Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to enter into a contract with the University of Vermont to reserve between 10 and 20 places in its medical school for New York residents for which New York would pay the university the cost of instructing these students in excess of federal aid and of the tuition paid by the students.

Dental Facilities Construction

Chap. 636 (1975): Authorizes the commissioner to contract with New York University for a supplemental grant not to exceed $3 million for construction of dental education facilities.

New Medical College and Statewide System

Chap. 813 (1975): Authorizes the creation of a temporary state commission to formulate a plan for the creation of a public medical college in Queens county and to deal with proposals for a statewide system of public medical colleges.

Nurse Licensure

Chap. 37 (1975): Requires applicants who applied prior to August 31, 1971 for licensure as a registered professional or licensed practical nurse on the basis of a foreign license, to submit evidence of completion of all educational requirements prior to September 1, 1977; applicants who fail to submit such evidence will be required to successfully complete the appropriate licensing examination.

Foreign Medical Training

Chap. 122 (1975): Provides that applicants for licensure to practice medicine under the Fifth Pathway need only be residents, rather than citizens of the United States, at the time of enrolling in a medical school outside the U.S.

Occupational Therapy Board

Chap. 779 (1975): Authorizes a State Board of Occupational Therapy to be appointed by the regents and requirements to be established for licensure and limited permits.

Foreign Medical Contracts

Chap. 884 (1976): Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to contract with the Sackler School of Medicine of the University of Tel Aviv for the education of 20 to 40 New York residents.

Education for Residents

Chap. 885 (1976): Encourages medical and dental schools in the state to provide additional places for New York residents by reducing grants to the schools who enroll more than a certain percentage of nonresidents.

Medical/Dental Loans

Chap. 886 (1976): Expands the authority of the Higher Education Services Corporation to guarantee loans to state residents attending medical and dental schools; provides for loans in an additional amount not to exceed $2,500 a year or $10,000 in total.

Speech/Hearing Licensure

Chap. 108 (1976): Amends the master's degree requirement for applicants for licensure as speech pathologists or audiologists and the requirement of an American Speech and Hearing Association certificate of clinical competence to provide for equivalent qualifications satisfactory to the department.

Chap. 255 (1976): Amends the licensing provision for speech pathologists and audiologists to authorize licensure of candidates who had been working or employed as practitioners or teachers of speech pathology for two years prior to June 1, 1976.

Chiropractors Review

Chap. 418 (1976): Provides for the inclusion of chiropractors on certain institutional health service review committees.

Veterinary Technicians Licensure

Chap. 539 (1976): Provides for the licensing of animal health technicians who may perform certain functions within the field of veterinary medicine and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

Private Higher Education (see appropriations/finance and health professions)

Student Aid:

Student Assistance (see also health professions)

War Service Scholarships

Chap. 645 (1975): Provides 600 new war service scholarships beginning in 1975-76.

Aid to Aliens

Chap. 663 (1975): Makes aliens admitted into the U.S. under the parole authority of the Attorney General of the U.S. eligible for state awards even though they are not citizens, have not made application for citizenship or have not affirmed intention to become citizens.

Aid/Loan Improvements

Chap. 844 (1975): Makes various technical corrections and administrative improvements in the student financial aid and loan programs.

Miscellaneous

Aid to Disadvantaged

Chap. 411 (1975): Relates to special programs for residents of the state who are high

school graduates, who have potential for the successful completion of postsecondary programs and who are economically and educationally disadvantaged.

Chap. 356 (1975): Authorizes the Fashion Institute of Technology to offer those baccalaureate programs authorized under the state master plan and approved by the SUNY trustees. *Bachelor Degree Programs*

Chap. 102 (1975): Permits institutions not chartered by the regents or previously incorporated by special act to offer educational programs for the licensed professions if specifically authorized by the regents to do so. *Licensed Professions Programs*

Chap. 730 (1976): Requires SUNY and CUNY to provide standards for granting advanced standing to veterans who have successfully completed U.S. Armed Forces Institute or other comparable course work. *Veterans Advanced Standing*

Chap. 733 (1976): Prohibits the advertising or offering of a college degree, except with the prior written approval of the State Education Department, unless the program is registered with a department or institution accredited by a regional accrediting commission. *Prohibition to Advertise or Offer Degrees*

NORTH CAROLINA

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The 1975 session of the North Carolina General Assembly adjourned in late June 1975. Major actions of the 1976 legislature were included in the 1976 North Carolina annual report. See also Vol. 5, no. 2, p. 80 and No. 4, p. 191, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

SB 45 (1975): Appropriated for operations $117,133,351 for fiscal year 1975-76 and $121,223,946 for fiscal year 1976-77, compared with an appropriation of $126,561,965 for fiscal year 1974-75; the reduction for 1975-77 necessitated a cut of approximately 3 percent of entitlement in the budgets of the individual institutions comprising the statewide system; the bill also contained special provisions increasing out-of-state tuition by $100 a year and registration fees for extension courses from $2 to $3 effective July 1, 1975. *Appropriations: Operating; Budget Cuts; Tuition Increases*

SB 44 (1975): Appropriates $1.6 million for the fiscal year 1976-77 for capital improvements; also authorizes the use of $1.5 million in receipts in 1975-76 and $3 million in receipts in 1976-77, making a total of $6.1 million available for capital improvements during the biennium. *Capital*

Community/Junior Colleges

HB 134 (1975): Elevates Martin Technical Institute to community college status. *Technical Institutes to Two-year Colleges*

HB 366 (1975): Elevates Vance-Granville Technical Institute to community college status.

HB 675 (1975): Elevates Halifax County Technical Institute to community college status.

Student Assistance

HB 630 (1975): Provides tuition assistance grants for members of the North Carolina National Guard enrolled in any business or trade school, private educational institution or state educational institution; appropriates $220,000 to fund the program in fiscal 1976-77. *Student Aid: Aid to National Guard Members*

HB 240 (1975): Waives tuition and fees for training courses for local fire department, volunteer rescue and lifesaving department personnel. *Aid to Firemen/Rescue Personnel*

HB 892 (1975): Authorizes North Carolinians 65 or older to be admitted tuition-free, on a space-available basis, to state-supported institutions of higher education, community colleges, industrial education centers and technical institutes. *Aid to Elderly*

Tuition/Fees (see appropriations/finance and student assistance)

Measures introduced but not passed in 1975 include:
HB 1248: called for a moratorium on conversion of technical institutes into community colleges pending a study; HB 260: prohibited members of the General Assembly from serving as a trustee of a community college or technical institute and HB 451: required *Defeated Bills: Conversion Moratorium; Legislators as Trustees;*

Student Trustees — that the student government president at each community college or technical institute be made a member of the board of trustees of his institution.

NORTH DAKOTA

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The legislature in North Dakota meets biennially in the odd numbered years and met in 1975 until March 26. Perhaps of greatest significance to state employees was the salary increase to cope with inflation which was passed by the legislature in the early days of the session. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 82 and No. 4, p. 235, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations:

Operating — *Appropriations/Finance (see also faculty/employees)*
HB 1001 (1975) Appropriates $120,335,609 for state institutions of higher education for 1975-77.

Extension Stations — HB 1002 (1975): Appropriates $25,991,020 for extension and experiment stations for 1975-77.

Operating — SB 2005 (1975): Appropriates for 1975-77 for the board office, state aid to junior colleges, federal student loan program, reciprocal agreements, geological survey and student financial assistance program.

Consulting/Planning Fees — SB 2019 (1975): Creates a preliminary planning revolving fund for the prepayment of consulting and planning fees for capital improvement projects and structures.

Two-year Colleges Formula — SB 2022 (1975): Changes the formula for computing state aid for junior colleges and educational centers.

Budget Review — SB 2023 (1975): Provides for an annual review of institutional budgets for junior colleges and education centers by the State Board of Public School Education.

Endowment Investment — HB 1360 (1975): Provides legal authority for institutions under the Board of Higher Education to invest endowment funds.

Bond Refunds — SB 2403 (1975): Permits advanced refunding of bond issues by the board.

Leases — HB 1108 (1975): Provides authority for the board to lease revenue producing buildings.

Capital Fund Transfers — HB 1468 (1975): Provides for a conditional transfer of funds to a state capital construction fund and provides an appropriation for construction, additions to, remodeling, and equipping of buildings at state agencies, departments and institutions.

Community/Junior Colleges (see also appropriations/finance and coordination/governance)

Two-year Colleges Student Verification — SB 2024 (1975): Provides for verification of students attending junior colleges and education centers by State Board of Public School Education.

Coordination/Governance

Board/Institutional Study — HCR 3073 (1975): Directs the Legislative Council to study powers and duties of the board, the development of each institution of higher education and unnecessary duplication of courses and programs within and between such institutions, and to consider the feasibility of merger of junior colleges into the state system.

Constitutional Amendment — SCR 4002 (1975): Proposes an amendment to the state constitution to provide for a Board of Public School Education with an appointed executive officer and modifies some language for the Board of Higher Education.

Board Members — SCR 4027 (1975): Relates to the qualifications and to the compensation of the members of the Board of Higher Education.

Employees:

Faculty/Employees

Personnel Division — HB 1120 (1975): Creates a division of central personnel in order to establish a unified system of personnel administration for classified service.

Travel Expenses — HB 1189 (1975): Provides for mileage and expense reimbursement for state officers and employees.

Salary Increases — HB 1016 (1975): Provided an 11.9 percent salary increase for all state employees in state agencies and institutions, except those who are under the newly created classification system — those employees received increases ranging from 11 percent to 24 percent to

comply with pay scale limits and implementation of the personnel classification system, effective January to June 1975. In the funding for 1975-77 the legislature authorized salary increases on the new base at the rate of 5 percent for each year of the biennium.

Health Professions

HB 1052 (1975): Requires a note upon loan to veterinary medicine, optometry or dental students. — *Health Fields Loans*

HB 1490 (1975): Provides that University of North Dakota medical school faculty may adopt rules and regulations governing education and residency qualifications of applicants for admission to the medical school. — *Medical School Application Rules*

Private Institutions

SB 2324 (1975): Provides for income tax credits for charitable contributions to nonprofit private institutions of higher education. — *Income Tax Credits for Aid to Private*

Tuition/Fees

HCR 3051 (1975): Urges the Board of Higher Education to enter reciprocal tuition agreements with South Dakota and Montana. — *Reciprocal Tuition*

Miscellaneous

SB 2159 (1975): Directs that accessibility of public buildings and facilities to the physically handicapped be accomplished by July 1, 1979. — *Aid to Handicapped*

HB 1131 (1975): Provides that all plans and specifications for construction, except agricultural sheds and barns, worth $25,000 or more must be prepared by and construction supervised by architects or engineers registered in the state. — *Construction Plans*

SB 2467 (1975): Creates a natural resources council. — *Natural Resources*

HCR 4041 (1975): Urges all state agencies to solicit consulting and research services from North Dakota colleges and universities. — *Consulting Services*

OHIO

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During the regular sessions in 1975 and 1976, the members of the General Assembly introduced a total of 2,161 bills — 578 in the senate and 1,583 in the house. The principal bills of interest to higher education which were enacted into law are as follows (note: the Ohio report did not indicate in which session — 1975 or 1976 — the bills were passed). See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 84 and No. 4, p. 194, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

HB 687: Appropriates for the biennium ending June 30, 1977 a total of $275 million for new capital improvements for the institutions of higher education. — *Appropriations: Capital*

HB 744: Creates a new state university to be known as the University of Cincinnati and appropriates funds for negotiating the transfer of assets, obligations and functions from the municipal university to the state university. — *New State University*

HB 809: Establishes a competitive bidding procedure for higher education institutions to follow when letting printing contracts and to require all such printing contracts to be let to Ohio vendors. — *Competitive Bids*

HB 155: Provides state employees pay raises; transfers the authority of the business manager from the board at Central State University to the president; and makes general appropriations for the biennium 1975-77. Appropriations for student-based subsidies to the institutions of higher education were increased for the biennium to $787 million; total appropriations for higher education were increased to $1.02 million in the 1975-77 biennium. — *Operating*

HB 1241: Appropriates for capital improvements for the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Ohio University for the 1975-77 biennium and declares an emergency. — *Osteopathic College Capital*

HB 1508: Changes the guidelines for adjusting instructional subsidies payments to institutions of higher education to reflect actual enrollment experience, reduces the regents' rental payments appropriation, makes supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 1977 and contains $5 million additional funding for the Ohio — *Funding Guidelines/ Supplemental Funds*; *Student Aid*

Instructional Grants program (this will permit making instructional grants awards to all eligible students for the 1976-77 academic year).

Uniform Management

SB 171: Adopts a uniform management of institutional funds act.

Coordination/Governance (see also appropriations/finance)

Faculty Improvement

HB 712: Authorizes boards of trustees of state colleges and universities to establish and administer faculty improvement programs.

Group Legal Services

HB 335: Permits the board of any college or university that receives state funds to establish a student fee to finance a group legal services program.

Faculty/Employees (see appropriations/finance and coordination/governance)

Health Professions (see also appropriations/finance)

New Osteopathic College

HB 229: Creates the Ohio College of Osteopathic Medicine as a part of Ohio University and appropriates funds.

Foreign Medical Education

HB 943: Establishes a "fifth pathway" to licensure for Ohio residents who are graduates of foreign medical colleges.

Student Aid:

Student Assistance (see also appropriations/finance)

War Orphans Scholarships

SB 270: Grants war orphans scholarships to children of deceased or disabled veterans regardless of residency when they entered the armed services of the United States.

Loan Program

SB 453: Requires educational institutions to receive approval in order to participate as lenders under the Ohio Student Loan Program, allows the Student Loan Commission to charge a guarantee premium of 1 percent per year and declares an emergency.

Aid to Police/ Firemen Orphans

HB 337: Eliminates tuition and student fees at state-assisted institutions of higher education for children of firemen and law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Aid to Elderly

SB 497: Requires state-supported universities and colleges to permit senior citizens to attend classes on a nontuition noncredit space available basis.

Miscellaneous

Holidays

HB 635: Permits boards of state colleges and universities to substitute three other days as paid holidays in place of Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day and Columbus Day.

Defeated Bills (Senate):

Collective Bargaining; Student/Faculty Board Members; Student Aid; Two-year State Colleges

To receive further consideration, these bills would have to be introduced again in the regular session of the General Assembly which convenes in January 1977. In the senate: SB 70: authorized collective bargaining between public employees and employers (vetoed by the governor); SB 112: added two faculty and two student representatives to the membership of the boards of the state universities; SB 305: made changes in the method of calculating the amount of an Ohio instructional grant, raised the amounts of individual grants and permitted the use of instructional grants for attendance at out-of-state colleges or universities; and SB 552: changes the description of state general and technical colleges to "state community colleges," assigned state community colleges most of the powers and duties of community colleges, established the minimum population necessary to create a state community college district and required that trustees of state community colleges be residents of the college district.

(House):

Student Aid; Branches; Upper-division Programs; Laboratory Schools; Fee Ceilings; Televised Sports; Government Interns

In the house:
HB 297: established scholarships for the education of Ohio students of outstanding ability; HB 591: provided for the administrative autonomy of and direct payments to branch campuses of state-supported universities; HB 592: permitted upper-division instruction at university branch campuses without the approval of the regents; HB 840: authorized state financial assistance to laboratory schools operated by institutions of higher education; HB 1028: reinstituted the student fee ceilings in state-assisted institutions of higher education; HB 1118: prohibited state universities from making agreements that could preclude television coverage of sold-out sports events; HB 1170: required the establishment of a graduate internship program in the executive branch of state government; and HB 1511: provided free college tuition to children of permanently and totally disabled police officers and fire fighters.

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The 1975 session of the Oklahoma legislature convened on January 7 and passed a number of bills concerning higher education by the time it adjourned on June 6. The

1976 session of the legislature convened on January 6 and adjourned on June 9. See also Vol. 5,No. 2, p. 88 and No. 4, p. 197, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also health professions)

Appropriations: Capital

SB 254 (1975): Appropriates $11 million to the State Regents for Higher Education from general revenue moneys to underwrite the cost of capitol improvement projects contained in campus master plans.

Supplemental

SB 348 (1975): Appropriates to the state regents a supplemental fund of $400,000 for the purpose of allocation to Langston University.

Operating, Including Medical and Student Aid

HB 1102 (1975): Appropriates to the regents $127,460,553 for the educational and general budget within the state system, $104,000 for Oklahoma optometry education assistance contracts, $13,750 for orphans and dependents, $300,000 for tuition aid grants, $60,000 for the osteopathic education assistance fund, $175,000 for the emergency repair fund, $200,000 additional allocation for the health and sciences center and $150,000 for the Ardmore Higher Education Program.

SB 532 (1976): Appropriates $152,245,553 to the state regents for operation of state system institutions for fiscal year 1976-77, includes $234,000 for optometry education assistance contracts, $13,750 for the care and education of dependent youth and orphans, $700,000 for the tuition aid grant program, $60,000 for the osteopathic education assistance fund, $175,000 for the Ardmore Higher Education Center and $100,000 for the Idabel-Broken Bow Education Program.

Capital

SB 633 (1976): Appropriates $8,460,000 to the regents to underwrite capital improvement projects in the campus master plan.

Building Bonds

HB 1768 (1976): Continues the appropriation of bonds from the 1968 Oklahoma Building Bond Fund to the state regents in the total amount of $22,250,000.

Coordination/Governance

Coordination: Employee Reports for Legislature

SB 205 (1975): Provides that all elements of the State System for Higher Education file a quarterly report with the house speaker and the senate president pro tempore showing the increase or decrease in number of employees occuring during the previous fiscal quarter.

Legal Services

SB 249 (1975): Entitles members of Board of Regents' presidents, vice presidents and deans to legal defense services conducted on their behalf by either the legal counsel for the board or the attorney general under certain conditions.

Education Council

SB 577 (1976): Abolishes the Oklahoma Education Commission and reconstitutes the Oklahoma Education Council to consist of 11 members chaired by the governor and provides for staff positions for the new council.

Health Sciences Planning

SB 687 (1976): Creates the health sciences center planning committee and modifies the membership.

Health Professions (see also appropriations/finance)

Health Fields: Physician Manpower Training

HB 1552 (1975): Creates a physician manpower training commission to operate a program of shared costs, hospital residencies and internships within the state and provides an appropriation of $264,000 to support the training program.

Optometry Study

SCR 11 (1975): Expresses legislative intent that the state regents study the feasibility of establishing an optometry school at Northeastern State University.

Medical Enrollments Limitation

SR 61 (1976): Requests that the state regents review the possibility of limiting the number of enrollments in the University of Oklahoma medical schools and the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery to correspond to available residencies and internships.

Student Assistance (see also appropriations/finance and health professions)

Student Loans

SB 480 (1976): Exempts student loans from the definition of consumer loan under the Consumer Credit Code.

SJR 69 (1976): Permits the Oklahoma Student Loan Authority to utilize the state guaranty agency to insure loans made by its fiscal agent in the same manner as other lenders currently operating under the federal guaranteed loan program.

Miscellaneous

Travel Expenses

HB 1805 (1976): Raises the amount of reimbursable expense for the use of a personal automobile and per diem to a state employee while on official state business.

Chancellor's Anniversary

SGR 89 (1976): Honors Chancellor E. T. Dunlap on the anniversary of 40 years of service to education in Oklahoma including 10 years as a college president and 15 years as

chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education, authored by all members of the house and senate and unanimously adopted.

OREGON

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The Oregon legislature meets biennially and will meet next in 1977. The 1975 legislative session began on January 13 and adjourned on June 14 and the following information summarizes the legislation enacted which affects postsecondary education. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 91 and No. 4, p. 237, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations:
Uniform Sale of Bonds

Appropriations/Finance
HB 226 (1975): Establishes a uniform procedure for advertisement and sale of certain bonds of school districts, community college districts, certain special districts, cities and counties.

Capital

HB 2411 (1975): Capital construction appropriation to correct safety deficiencies within various buildings and facilities of the Department of Higher Education.

Liability Fund

SB 857 (1975): Establishes a liability fund as a separate account in the restoration fund to be administered by the Department of General Services to pay damages to persons from the state or its agencies.

Two-year Colleges Funding

SB 5516 (1975): Increases the state aid reimbursement rate to community colleges for operating expenses; establishes as state policy, obligation to assume 65 percent of approved community college construction costs; and appropriates $4,016,785 out of general fund for community college projects during biennium.

Two-year Colleges Public Libraries

Community/Junior Colleges (see also appropriations/finance)
SB 160 (1975): Permits community college districts to establish public libraries.

Coordination:
Forest Research Committee

Coordination/Governance
SB 363 (1975): Establishes a single 15-member forest research laboratory advisory committee appointed by the State Board of Education

Rules and Regulations

SB 381 (1975): Requires submission by boards and institutions of rules authorized or required by law prior to their adoption to the legislative counsel committee and the legislative counsel.

Coordinating Agency Changes

SB 829 (1975): Changes the name of the Educational Coordinating Council to the Educational Coordinating Commission; revises commission authority to include assessment of budgetary priority of the educational segments, review and approval of proposed new postsecondary locations and programs, and requires each postsecondary educational governing board to submit long-range plans and review and coordinate such plans.

Employees:
Contributions

Faculty/Employees
SB 208 (1975): Authorizes the Department of Higher Education, upon request of an employee, to make payroll deductions for contributions to foundations designated by the Board of Higher Education to solicit funds for specific state institutions of higher education.

Employee Relations Board

SB 285 (1975): Abolishes the Labor-Management Relations Board and transfers its duties, functions and powers to the Public Employee Relations Board.

Conflict of Interest

SB 521 (1975): Redefines "potential conflict of interest" as "any transaction where a person acting in a capacity as a public official takes any action or makes any decision or recommendation, the effect of which would be to the person's private pecuniary benefit or detriment."

Labor Dues

SB 973 (1975): Permits state officers and employees to request payroll deduction of dues to noncertified, yet bona fide, labor organizations.

Discrimination

HB 2131 (1975): Prohibits discrimination in public education programs on basis of age, handicap, national origin, race, marital status, religion or sex; requires the State Boards of Education and Higher Education to adopt rules and make reports to the legislature.

Strikebreakers

HB 2157 (1975): Prohibits recruiting, soliciting or advertising for or employment of professional strikebreakers to replace employees who are involved in a strike or lockout.

Merit/Civil Service Exclusions

HB 2192 (1975): Excludes persons who are recipients, beneficiaries or trainees in work study and work experience programs authorized by the Comrpehensive Employment and Training Act from merit system or civil service laws.

HB 2729 (1975): Declares that the state shall furnish fair and equal opportunities for employment and advancement through a program of affirmative action and creates in the governor's office the position of director of affirmative action. *Affirmative Action*

HB 3005 (1975): Permits employee who has contributed for five years and who terminates before earliest retirement age to withdraw account balance at any time before reaching retirement; reduces early retirement age from 60 to 55 for most state employees. *Retirement*

SB 413 (1975): Provides that institutions governed by the Board of Higher Education may not solicit or accept evaluative material pertaining to faculty from individuals who wish their identity to remain anonymous, that the number of files containing evaluative material shall be limited to three and that a faculty member shall have access to his or her file. *Faculty, Evaluation and Files*

HB 3043 (1975): Permits three students to participate in negotiations between the public employer and bargaining representative of faculty at institutions governed by the Board of Higher Education. *Students and Bargaining*

Health Professions
HB 2366 (1975): Replaces selected statutory references to the names of the University of Oregon medical school and dental school with the University of Oregon health sciences center. *Medical/Dental School Names*

HB 2355 (1975): Establishes a veterinary medicine program at Oregon State University and appropriates $2[illegible]0,000 for the architectural planning of facilities for the program; the program is planned with shared curricula with Washington State University and the University of Idaho. *New Veterinary Medicine Program*

Miscellaneous
SB 539 (1975): Appropriates funds to the emergency board for allocation to the Department of Higher Education for the acquisition of television facilities in Salem owned by the Liberty Communications, Inc. *Television Facilities*

SB 610 (1975): Grants public officers immunity from examination as witnesses as to records exempt from disclosure under public records law. *Public Immunity*

SB 665 (1975): Vests responsibility for planning and development of educational programs for adult corrections clients and staff in the Department of Education. *Corrections Programs*

HB 2757 (1975): Extends lobby disclosure statutory provisions to public agencies and public officials; defines public agency and public official. *Lobby Disclosure*

PENNSYLVANIA

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The Pennsylvania General Assembly is a continuing body and the 1975 regular session convened on January 7, adjourned July 1 for summer vacation and reconvened September 30. The assembly concluded its 1976 session November 19, 1976, sine die. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 92 and No. 4, p. 199, for additional legislative information

Appropriations/Finance
HB 1333 (Act 50A, 1975): Appropriated approximately $77 million to the Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), $44.8 million to the community colleges for operating and capital expenses and $12 million to PHEAA to be distributed to private institutions in Pennsylvania for each state scholarship student attending eligible institutions. *Appropriations: Student Aid, Two-year Colleges and Aid to Private*

SB 721 through 730, 766, 768 through 771, 777 and 779 (1976): Instructional appropriations including $99,000 to Dickinson School of Law, $185,000 to the Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, $250,000 to the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, $660,000 to the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, $352,000 to the Philadelphia College of Art, $3,511,000 to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, $220,000 to the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, $1,658,000 to the Medical College of Pennsylvania, $3,416,000 to Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, $3,018,000 to Drexel University, $3,938,000 to Thomas Jefferson University, $15,891,000 to the University of Pennsylvania, $58,271,000 to University of Pittsburgh, $63,688,000 to Temple University, $102,708,000 to Pennsylvania State University, $2,778,000 to Lincoln University and $75,000 to Philadelphia Musical Academy. *Instructional — Public and Private*

SB 235 (Act 4A, 1976): Supplemental appropriation of $5.5 million to the Department *Supplemental*

of Education for operation, maintenance and administration of the state-owned colleges and university.

Coordination/Governance)

Hospital Acquisition

HB 1660 (Act 109, 1976): Authorized the General State Authority to acquire Temple University Hospital as part of the institution.

Defeated Bills (Senate): Single University System; New Commission; Special Education and Counseling

Among the bills not passed during 1975 and 1976 are the following senate bills: SB 224: appropriated $250,000 to create the Pennsylvania Commonwealth University to organize the 14 state-owned colleges and universities into one university system to be regulated by the State Board of Education; SB 551: authorized the governor to appoint a commission on postsecondary education for the purpose of reporting recommendations on the postsecondary needs of Pennsylvania, the system of institutions needed to satisfy these needs, state funding required and appropriating $200,000 for purpose of this study; and SB 926: appropriated $1.3 million and authorized the Secretary of Education to make grants to education institutions, agencies and consortia for the development and operation of special education programs and counseling services to provide education and career opportunities for adults.

(House): Medical Schools Admission Standards; Student Aid; Student Trustees; Veterinary Medicine; Medical Education Council and State Plan

House bills not passed included: HB 402: required medical schools and osteopathic colleges to adopt admission standards as a requirement to receiving state appropriations; HB 405: appropriated $11.7 million to extend eligibility for scholarship awards to students enrolled in higher education institutions on a part-time basis; HB 1095: exempted residents of the state 65 years of age or older from paying tuition at any college or university that receives a state appropriation; HB 1903: amended the Community College Act of 1963 by providing for a student member on each board of trustees; HB 2227: provided for the operation of the school of veterinary medicine of the University of Pennsylvania as a part of the state system of higher education; and HB 546: appropriated $350,000 to establish a medical education council and regional advisory boards to the council for the development of a statewide medical plan.

RHODE ISLAND

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Listed below are the bills pertaining to higher education which became law, with or without the governor's signature, at the close of the 1975 session, held January 7 to May 15, and the 1976 session of the General Assembly, convened January 6. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 96 and No. 4, p. 204, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Endowment Funds

HB 7990 (1976): Redefines an "endowment fund" to mean an institutional fund or any part of such fund that is not wholly expendable by the institution on a "current basis under the terms of the applicable gift instrument" and clarifies the authority of the governing board of an institution to invest its endowment fund money.

Community/Junior Colleges

Two-year Voc-Ed Programs

HR 5643 (1975): Requests the Board of Regents to consider the feasibility of providing two-year vocational programs at the post-high school level.

Coordination/Governance

Program Duplication Study

HR 5117 (1975): Requested the Board of Regents to study duplication of programs in state colleges including continuing adult education programs and report to the General Assembly by March 14, 1975.

Faculty/Employees

Retirement

SB 729 (1975): Postponed from July 1, 1974 to July 1, 1976 the deadline by which state college teachers must apply for membership in the alternate retirement program.

Health Fields: Veterinary Medicine Contracts

Health Professions

SB 1017A (1975): Authorizes the regents to enter into contracts with the University of Pennsylvania school of veterinary medicine for the education of three Rhode Island students at a maximum cost of $8,000 each annually and providing for repayment by the students at 7.5 percent annual interest.

Nurse Practitioners

HR 5242 (1975): Asks the regents to determine the need for establishing preparation programs for nurse practitioners.

Foreign Graduate Training

HB 7400 (1976): Requires a medical school receiving state funds to provide clinical training so as to qualify foreign medical school graduates who are American citizens.

HR 7707 (1976): Asks the Brown University medical school to consider the possibility of adding to its curriculum a course in legal medicine as it pertains to state law. *Legal Medicine*

Student Assistance
HB 6180 (1975): Permits reconsideration of state scholarship applications that have been rejected for any reason instead of just those rejected because the applicant was found ineligible for insufficient financial need. *Student Scholarship Eligibility*

SB 2407 (1976): Entitles a person otherwise qualified, who is 65 or older and is a permanent resident of the state to attend classes and take available courses at any state college or university without the payment of tuition, exclusive of other fees and charges, with admission on a space available basis at the discretion of the educational institution. *Aid to Elderly*

Tuition/Fees
SR 2396 (1976): Requests the Board of Regents to establish tuition policies which will bring to the state the maximum amount of federal aid so as not to cause financial hardships to Rhode Island resident students. *Tuition Policies*

SR 2395 (1976): Requests the regents to increase tuition for out-of-state students to an amount substantially equal to the cost of their education before increasing the tuition of Rhode Island residents in state institutions of higher learning. *Nonresident Tuition*

Miscellaneous
HB 5191A (1975): Forbids willful trespassing on the premises of a public or private institution of higher education in the state and provides punishment by fine and /or imprisonment. *Trespassing*

SR 276 (1975): Requests that the regents seek to implement and endorse a program leading to a four-year major in Portuguese at the University of Rhode Island. *Portuguese Degree*

SB 2015 (1976): Creates a seven-member special legislative commission to study the feasibility of establishing a school for social workers at the University of Rhode Island or Rhode Island College. *Social Workers School Study*

SB 2659 (Sub. B, 1976): Requires open meetings of state and local public bodies unless closed for certain specific purposes. *Open Meetings*

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The 101st General Assembly of South Carolina met in two sessions — from January 14 to June 25, 1975 and from January 13 to July 22, 1976. The following paragraphs highlight legislation enacted during the two sessions. Since a new legislature was elected in November 1976, all initiatives of the 101st not enacted into law have expired. (Bill numbers for the following actions were not available.) See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 97 and No. 4, p. 205, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance
(1975): Appropriated $161,201,557 for the nine public colleges and universities including the University of South Carolina's branches, $28,491,333 for the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, $7,341,047 for grants to students attending private institutions and $1,181,095 for the Commission on Higher Education. *Appropriations: Operating* *Aid to Private*

(1975): Appropriated $6,140,000 for capital construction at the public colleges and universities; in October 1975, the State Budget and Control Board mandated a reduction of approximately 8 percent in all appropriations to avoid a deficit. *Capital*

(1976): Appropriated $151,682,559 for the public colleges and universities (a decrease of 5 percent from 1975-76), $28,102,830 for the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (a decrease of 1 percent from 1975-76); $7,332,686 for grants to students attending private institutions and $1,119,856 for the Commission on Higher Education (a decrease of 5 percent from 1975-76); no new capital funds were provided. *Operating* *Aid to Private*

(1976): Directs that future appropriations be justified in their entirety, replacing the customary procedure of justifying only increases over the prior year's appropriation. *Fund Justification*

(1976): Directs all agencies, departments and institutions to submit all allocations of federal funds to the Budget and Control Board for approval. *Approval of Federal Allocations*

(1976): Requires quarterly reports of expenditures from all sources of funds to be *Expenditure Reports*

submitted by all agencies, departments and institutions to the Legislative Audit Council for distribution to all members of the legislature and various state officials.

Presidents' Personal Expenses

(1976): Prohibits payment of a fixed amount to the presidents of the public colleges and universities for personal expenses; personal expenses incurred in the performance of official duties may be reimbursed from funds available to the institution provided they are properly documented and processed through normal accounting channels.

Coordination:

Coordination/Governance

Program Duplication Study

(1975): Creates a committee to study overlapping and duplication of academic offerings and opportunities in the state in state-supported institutions of higher learning, technical and vocational education.

Two-year College Board Responsibilities

(1976): Redefines the responsibilities of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, primarily addressing relationships between the board and the area technical education commissions, but including several provisions important to other sectors of postsecondary education.

Change in Two-year to Four-year Law

(1976): Rescinded the authority for the University of South Carolina regional campuses to add the third and fourth years when enrollment reaches 700 and 100 full-time equivalent students; three branches which had already made the transition to four-year status were not affected.

Faculty/Employees

State Personnel Division

(1975): Created the State Personnel Division as part of the State Budget and Control Board and gives it wide responsibilities for personnel policies and procedures at all state agencies including the colleges and universities.

State Ethics Commission

(1975): Created a state ethics commission and mandated that it annually collect a statement of economic interest from each public employee earning $20,000 a year or more.

Health Professions

Medical Education Committee

(1976): Created the deans' committee on medical doctor education to improve cooperation between the two publicly supported schools of medicine.

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A final report on the 1975 South Dakota legislative actions was not received. Major actions concerning higher education from the 1976 session were reported in South Dakota's annual report in *Higher Education in the States* Vol. 5, No. 4, p. 208.

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Major actions of the 1975 legislative session were reported in Tennessee's 1975 annual report. The following information pertains to the 1976 legislative session held January 13 through March 19. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 99 and No. 4, p. 210, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations:

Appropriations/Finance

Operating

HB 1416 (1976): General appropriations bill providing total funds for higher education of $195.4 million, $24 million increase over last year, and $36.4 million for new construction and improvements at existing institutions.

Amendment

HB 2156 (1976): Amends the general appropriation act for fiscal 1975-76 to allow payment of damages in suit won against State Board of Regents.

Payment of Debts

SB 2057 (1976): Requires state institutions to issue diplomas, certificates or grades only after all debts owed to that college have been paid.

Physical Education

SB 1247 (1976): Approves $9 million for the physical education complex at Tennessee State University.

Faculty/Employees

Employees: Tenure Policy

SB 2011 (1976): Creates a tenure policy for faculty at State University and Community College System of Tennessee.

Part-Time

HB 1438 (1976): Permits part-time work by teachers employed full-time by educational institutions.

Retirement

HB 604 (1976): Changes the age of retirement from age 65 or upon completion of 35 years service to age 60 or upon completion of 30 years service.

Student Assistance

Student Aid: Nonresidents

SB 2268 (1976): Permits enrollment of students from certain Kentucky counties without payment of out-of-state tuition.

New Program

HB 1534 (1976): Repeals the tuition grant program statute and creates new Tennessee student assistance program, and allocates $750,000 in state funds.

Aid to Disabled

SB 1611 (1976): Allows totally disabled persons to audit classes at state-supported colleges.

Miscellaneous

Counseling

SB 648 (1976): Prohibits hiring a person as a counselor in educational and correctional institutions unless they possess adequate training and competence in the field of counseling.

Law Schools Exemption from Licensing

SB 1732 (1976): Exempts law schools from the Postsecondary Education Authorization Act of 1974 (authorizes institutions to operate).

State Vehicles

HB 2048 (1976): Requires all state vehicles, including higher education institutions, be marked as official state vehicles.

Authorization Standards

HB 2059 (1976): Sets minimum standards for the Postsecondary Education Authorization Act of 1974.

Discrimination

HB 1444 (1976): Prohibits sex discrimination wording in the school admissions statute.

Publications Review

SB 1802 (1976): Creates a publications committee to review publications of state agencies.

TEXAS

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As the Texas legislature meets biennually there was no session in 1976. The 1975 Texas legislature convened from January to June and major actions are reported below. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 101 and No. 4, p. 211, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Appropriations: Operating

(Appropriations bills numbers not available): Appropriations from all funds to support all agencies of Texas higher education during the 1975-77 biennium totaled $2,278.2 million, an increase of $772.4 million or 51.3 percent over the 1975-75 biennium; appropriations to public senior colleges and universities totaled $1,154.3 million for fiscal years 1976 and 1977, an increase of 45.1 percent over the preceding two years; and public junior college appropriations increased 57.9 percent for a total of $313.8 million. The largest rate of increase in appropriations was for health-related higher education agencies, which were appropriated a total of $496.6 million for the 1975-77 biennium.

Annual Financial Reports

SB 329 (1975): Requires Texas public institutions of higher education to provide annual, rather than biennial, financial reports to the governor, treasurer, comptroller, auditor and attorney general.

Two-year Colleges Contingency Fund

HB 216 (1975): Appropriates supplemental contingency funds of $12 million to the Texas Education Agency and $6 million to the Coordinating Board for allocation to public junior colleges for vocational-technical and academic programs.

Community/Junior Colleges (see also appropriations/finance and coordination/governance)

Two-year Colleges Board Elections

SB 365 (1975): Establishes provisions whereby countywide junior or community college districts containing a city of more than 800,000 residents may establish election dates for governing board members.

Voc-Tech Law	SB 267 (1975): Amends the technical-vocational education act to comply with new federal statutes.
Coordination:	*Coordination/Governance (see also community/junior colleges and health professions)*
Biennial Needs Report	HB 493 (1975): Requires the Coordinating Board to report biennially to the governor and legislature on statewide needs in higher education.
Two-year Programs Branches Approve.	HB 2061 (1975): Requires junior college districts to receive prior and continuing approval of the Coordinating Board to establish branch campuses, centers and extension facilities and to offer courses and programs outside the geographic boundaries of their districts.
Coordination Duties	SB 706 (1975): Provides for the coordination of postsecondary education and delegates certain duties to the Coordinating Board.
Out-of-state Institutions	HB 1379 (1975): Requires public institutions of higher education established outside the state's boundaries to receive Coordinating Board approval before offering a course or group of courses within the state.
Private Institutions Regulation	HB 1538 (1975): Regulates the authority of certain private institutions to offer degrees or courses leading to degrees in the state; directs the Coordinating Board to administer the act to prevent deception of the public through the operation of fraudulent or substandard degree programs.
Planning Clearinghouse	HB 1172 (1975): Establishes a division of planning coordination within the governor's office to serve as a clearinghouse on all state agency applications for federal grant or loan assistance.
Employees:	*Faculty/Employees*
Travel Expenses	HB 1058 (1975): Authorizes state agencies, boards, departments and institutions to make advance payments for travel expenses incurred by state employees in the exercise of official duties and to establish petty cash funds for such purpose.
Accrued Vacation Pay	SB 345 (1975): Provides that a state employee who resigns, is dismissed or separated is entitled to be paid in a lump sum for accrued vacation time if the employee has been continuously employed by the state for six months.
Salary Increases	SB 1 (1975): Authorizes cost-of-living increases in salaries, travel expenses and insurance benefits for state employees.
Retirement	HB 485 (1975): Redefines military duty as it pertains to the purchase of creditable service in the teacher retirement system, removing privilege of purchasing service and providing for the payment of fees for eligible credits.
Insurance	SB 18 (1975): Provides uniform group life, accident and health insurance for all state employees.
Benefits	SB 61 (1975): Provides for retirement, disability and death benefits for eligible state employees who have made contributions to more than one state retirement system.
Health Fields:	*Health Professions (see also coordination/governance)*
Foreign Medical Education	HB 768 (1975): Provides a Fifth Pathway Program for students of foreign medical schools to obtain licensure to practice medicine in Texas.
Rural Medical Practice	HB 2136 (1975): Requires Texas medical schools to establish rules providing for the admission of students who will contract with the State Rural Medical Education Board to engage in a general or family practice of medicine in small towns or rural areas.
New Osteopathic College	SB 216 (1975): Authorizes the establishment of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth as a separate institution under the governance of the North Texas State University board.
Nursing Education Standards	HB 1841 (1975): Requires governing boards of state-supported institutions of higher education offering nursing education programs to plan and incorporate standards and procedures to grant credit for actual educational and clinical nursing experiences that are equivalent to regular course content.
Cooperative Health Associations	HB 1864 (1975): Authorizes governing boards of certain state-supported health-related institutions and certain nonprofit health-related institutions located in medical centers to establish and operate cooperative associations.
Student Aid:	*Student Assistance (see also health professions)*
Loan Cancellations	HB 570 (1975): Authorizes the Coordinating Board to cancel Hinson-Hazelwood loans received by students who earn a doctor of medicine or psychology degree and who are employed by certain state agencies prior to the time loan repayment is to begin.

HB 688 (1975): Authorizes two new state student grant programs to be administered by the Coordinating Board. *New Grant Programs*

SB 454 (1975): Authorizes higher education authorities that have been created by the governing bodies of one or more cities to sell revenue bonds to obtain funds to purchase student loan notes which are insured through the federal insured loan program. *Bond Sales for Loans*

HB 1039 (1975): Amends the Education Code to exempt children of disabled firemen and peace officers from payment of all dues, fees and other charges at state-supported institutions. *Aid to Police/ Firemen Dependents*

HB 696 (1975): Authorizes state-supported institutions of higher education to permit persons 65 years of age or older to audit courses free of charge on a space available basis. *Aid to Elderly*

Tuition and Fees

SB 434 (1975): Provides for refund of certain tuition and fees for students withdrawing from courses and/or from institutions within certain time periods. *Tuition: Refunds*

HB 31 (1975): Establishes a $6 per semester hour maximum building use fee at public senior colleges and universities. *Building Use Fees*

HB 785 (1975): Increases tuition for foreign students from $14 to $40 per semester credit hour, the rate paid by other nonresident students. *Foreign Students*

SB 360 (1975): Authorizes reciprocal tuition agreements for certain students who are residents of states adjacent to Texas counties in which there are public junior colleges. *Reciprocity*

Miscellaneous

SB 1071 (1975): Conforms state law to requirements of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 in order to qualify Texas educational institutions for federal funding. *Rights and Privacy*

SB 881 (1975): Authorizes special transportation allowances for travel by certain handicapped state employees within their designated headquarters. *Handicapped Travel*

UTAH

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The 41st Utah legislature closed its regular session March 13, 1975, after 60 calendar days of legislative work. Although more than 700 bills were introduced in both houses, few dealt with higher education. The budget session of the 41st legislature was held from January 12 through January 31, 1976. The following are some of the most significant bills enacted which deal with higher education. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 104 and No. 4, p. 215, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

HB 373 (1975): Provides $87.8 million for higher education, short of the $90 million the regents had recommended in their $139.3 million budget request; may require tuition increases but with two limitations: (1) requires the regents to study, formulate and adopt an equitable statewide tuition policy prior to changing the level of tuition at any of the state's higher education institutions and (2) sets a limit of $8 on the amount resident tuition may be raised, even after the study. *Appropriations: Operating* *Tuition Study*

SB 236 (1975): Provides a $69.2 million bonding measure; includes funds to enlarge the University of Utah Medical Center and construction funds for nearly every higher education institution. *Bonding*

SB 329 (1975): State building program, including funding for new higher education buildings. *Capital*

HB 91 (1976): Appropriates $102,936,200 to the Utah System of Higher Education for fiscal year 1976-77, within $608,200 of the amount recommended by the regents; appropriations include $352,000 for state participation in the skills centers at Weber State and Utah Technical Colleges, authorization for the regents to negotiate with institutions outside the WICHE* student exchange program, and $488,000 for faculty salaries and $500,000 for classified personnel salaries appropriated to the regents for distribution among the nine public institutions. *Operating*

SB 77 (1976): Appropriates $2.54 million to complete construction projects at Dixie and Southern Utah State Colleges and College of Eastern Utah. *Capital*

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Supplemental

HB 82 (1976): Appropriates $30,358 to Dixie College to cover a 1974-75 deficit.

Medical Student Loans

HB 90 (1976): Appropriates $174,000 to the University of Utah college of medicine to create a student loan fund for students affected by a 65 percent increase in tuition.

Capital/Annuities

SB 78 (1976): Approves an estimated $2.6 million for the state building program; appropriates $485,400 for purchase of old-age annuities at colleges and universities.

Coordination:
Board of Education Governance Role

Coordination/Governance
SB 41 (1975): Clarifies the State Board of Education's role in the governance of higher education and delineates the role of the board in exercising general control and supervision of the public school system, as spoken of in the state constitution.

Student Council Members

HB 62 (1975): Provides for the appointment of the president of the associated students of each member institution of the state system to its institutional council.

Computing System

HB 141 (1975): Requires the state system to develop a master plan, system plans and operational and evaluative procedures for its computing system.

Faculty/Employees (see appropriations/finance)

Health Professions (see also appropriations/finance)

Nurse Certification

SB 148 (1975): Opens nurse certification requirements sufficiently to enable the implementation of the regents' ladder approach to nursing training.

Tuition and Fees (see appropriations/finance)

Defeated Bills:
Aid to Elderly; Regional Compact Change; Single Institution Consolidation

Bills introduced in 1976 but not passed included:
HB 5: enabled retired persons to attend higher education institutions tuition free on a space available basis; SB 14: provided for a change in the composition of the state's WICHE* commissioners to include two legislators in addition to the commissioner of higher education (these two seats are now held by members of the Regents); and SB 20: consolidated all the state's universities and colleges into a single institution.

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No new legislation affecting higher education was passed by the 1975 session of the Vermont legislature. The 1976 session commenced early in January and recessed in April and the following summarizes actions during that session.

Appropriations/Finance

Appropriations Reduction

Financial Problems

Tuition Increases

HB 254 (1976): Because of continued decline in state revenues, a large deficit in the state budget and the legislature's determination to avoid increasing already very high tax rates, appropriations already made for fiscal year 1976-77 were reduced for nearly all state agencies although higher education received slightly better treatment than many state agencies; all three major components of the Vermont higher education system were left with very serious financial problems and tuition, already the highest in the country, was increased at both the University of Vermont and the Vermont State Colleges and the average amounts of incentive grants awarded by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation were sharply reduced.

Health Professions

Veterinary Student Aid

Act 155 (1976): Provided that students enrolled in veterinary medicine programs would be eligible for incentive grants from the Student Assistance Corporation; previously only undergraduates and university medical students were eligible.

Student Assistance (see also appropriations/finance and health professions)

Loan Defaults

Act 170 (1976): Added provisions relating to the handling of default claims on student loans guaranteed by the Student Assistance Corporation.

Law Student Aid

Act 202 (1976): Added law schools to the list of institutions for which students would be eligible to receive senatorial scholarships.

Tuition and Fees (see appropriations/finance)

Miscellaneous

Property Ownership

Act 253 (1976): Confirmed the ownership of Burklyn Manor by the Vermont State

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Colleges rather than the state as a whole and authorized its sale subject to the conditions imposed by the donor, at a stipulated minimum price after October 1, 1976.

VIRGINIA

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Virginia's 1975 General Assembly convened on January 8 to try for a second time to hold a 30-day odd year session as provided for under Virginia's revised constitution; however, a 46-day session resulted. The 1976 legislature met from January 14 to March 14. Appropriations to higher education and proposed capital outlay expenditures for college and university building projects figured prominently in the 1976 session. This session was the first in which the Council of Higher Education, under expanded responsibilities granted to it in 1974 provided formal recommendations on institutional budget requests to the governor and legislature. A total of 17.6 percent of the entire state operating budget was allocated to higher education. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 107 and No. 4, p. 216, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Appropriations: Operating and Capital

(1975 — No bill number available): Higher education budgets received little new funding in 1975 and a limited amount of general fund capital outlay money was appropriated for maintenance and repairs at several institutions; few changes were made in appropriations for operating expenses, but the governor had earlier called for a cutback in state agency budgets to achieve a savings of more than $40 million in the current biennium.

Bond Issuance

SB 696 (1975): Authorized the issuance of higher education institution bonds in an amount up to $20 million for construction of a complex of buildings at the University of Virginia.

Operating

Capital

HB 30 (1976): Appropriated a total of $1,298.2 million for the operating expenses of all institutions, affiliated agencies, and other higher education-related activities for the 1976-78 biennium, an increase of 33 percent over those of the previous biennium, a total of $28.4 million for higher education capital outlay during the biennium; appropriated about $500,000 for utilities and site work for a new law school at the College of William and Mary; and provided that the governor may use additional funds for the construction of the school if it is determined to be essential to maintain the law school's accreditation.

Coordination/Governance

Coordination: Board Terms

HB 1322 (1975): Amends statutes relating to the Board of Visitors at the College of William and Mary to provide for staggered terms of members.

Agency Transfer

SB 796 (1975): Transfers the responsibilities of the Higher Education Facilities Commission to the State Council of Higher Education.

New Governing Board

HB 252 (1976): Creates an independent board for Christopher Newport College, formerly a branch college of the College of William and Mary.

Articulation/Transfer

HJR 17 (1976): Provides for articulation agreements for the orderly transfer of academic credit between community colleges and senior institutions of higher education.

Secretary's Duties

SB 315 (1976): Clarifies the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary of Education as they relate to public and higher education.

Faculty/Employees

Tenure/Workload Study

SJR 106 (1975): Directed the Council of Higher Education to conduct a study of tenure and faculty workload policies in the state supported institutions.

Health Professions

Health Fields: Foreign Medical Education

HB 1309 (1975): Relates to Virginia residents who are enrolled in foreign medical schools but desire to return to Virginia for licensure and practice.

Optometry School Study

SB 269 (1976): Provides for a study by the Council of Higher Education of the feasibility of establishing a regional school of optometry.

Graduate Nursing

SJR 64 (1976): Encourages off-campus graduate education programs in nursing.

Private Higher Education (see also student assistance)

Private Colleges Contracts

HB 1519 (1975): Enables the state and its political subdivisions to enter into contracts with private colleges for educational and related services; the Council of Higher Education is charged with reviewing and approving these contracts.

Private Colleges Property Exclusion

SB 754 (1975): Excludes certain property of private nonprofit colleges and universities from local government service charges.

Student Aid: Grant Program Changes for Private

Student Assistance

HB 1484 (1975): Amends the college scholarship assistance program, a program based on financial need for Virginia students in the state's public and private colleges, to allow students in private colleges to receive need-based grants instead of only need-based loans that had to be repaid in either service or money.

Loans for Private

HB 1520 (1975): Amends the tuition assistance loan program to provide for grants as well as loans for students in private colleges.

Appropriation

HB 30 (1976): Increased the college scholarship assistance program appropriation by 70 percent and the tuition assistance grant and loan program from $4,119,500 in 1974-76 to $8,091,175 in 1976-78

Aid to Elderly

HB 158 (1976): Amends the Senior Citizens Higher Education Act by changing the age requirement for participants from 65 to 62 years of age.

Tuition Uses

Tuition/Fees

HB 30 (1976): Established the goal that each public senior institution support from tuition and required fees at least 30 percent of its total educational and general costs, to be implemented over a six-year period.

Student Records

Miscellaneous

SB 896 (1976): Brings student record disclosure statutes in line with federal regulations.

Defeated Bills: Bond Referendum; New Law School; Medical Students; Collective Bargaining

In 1975, the legislature defeated more bills and resolutions (900) than it passed (840) and among those not passed were several controversial ones including: Efforts for a $144.5 million capital outlay bond referendum, the largest share of which was for projects at state-supported colleges and universities; a proposal to establish a third state-supported law school; a bill which would have provided that each of the 40 members of the senate in conjunction with house members, would have appointed two students each year to the entering class of the state's public medical schools; and three different bills designed to establish various forms of collective bargaining.

WASHINGTON

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The 1975 session of the Washington legislature convened January 13 and adjourned June 9. The second extraordinary session of the 44th legislature convened January 12, 1976 and adjourned in March. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 109 and No. 4, p. 218, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations: Operating

Appropriations/Finance (see also community/junior colleges, faculty/employees and miscellaneous)

SHB 866 (1975): Approves a total of $984.4 million for the operation of the public higher education institutions, including $611.6 million in general funds, $162.2 million in general local funds, $201.2 million in grants and contracts, $8 million in federal funds at Washington State University and $1.4 million in medical aid and accident funds at the University of Washington; appropriates funds by major functional program and limits the institutions' ability to transfer appropriated funds from one program to another; and appropriates $173.1 million for the 1975-77 capital budget for public institutions.

Bond Issue

HB 1091 (1975): Authorizes a general obligation bond issue for University of Washington hospital facilities.

Supplemental Operating and Capital

HB 1624 (1976): Approves a total of $14.3 million for institutions of higher education in the 1976 supplemental budget, including $13.9 million for salary adjustments to classified and exempt personnel in institutions of higher education and the remaining funds for Washington State University's inflationary cost increases in fuel; approves a 1976 supplemental capital budget for the public institutions totaling $37 million — $10.5 million for the four-year institutions and $26.5 million for the community college system.

Bond Issue

HB 1440 (1976): Authorizes a bond issue for capital projects at institutions of higher education.

and Sales

HB 1441 (1976): Authorizes the sale of bonds for capital projects for state community colleges.

Community/Junior Colleges (see also appropriations/finance and faculty/employees)

SB 2463 (1975): Creates the Vocational Education Commission responsible for complying with federal directives to insure the development and maintenance of a state plan for vocational education. — *Vocational Education Commission*

HB 219 (1975): Authorizes state general obligation bonds to fund community college capital projects previously approved by the legislature. — *Two-year Colleges Bonds*

Coordination/Governance

SB 2519 (1975): Renames the Council on Higher Education as the Council for Postsecondary Education and revises the council membership. — *Council New Name*

Faculty/Employees (see also appropriations/finance) — *Employees: Tenure Rights*

SB 2855 (1975): Excludes certain community college faculty appointments from rights relating to tenure.

HB 475 (1975): Amends the state higher education personnel law to allow participation of director of the office of program planning and fiscal management on items having financial impact. — *Personnel Law Changes*

HB 802 (1976): Provides uniformity in payment of travel expenses for most state officials and employees. — *Travel Expenses*

Health Professions (see appropriations/finance and tuition/fees)

Private Higher Education — *Constitutional Amendment: Aid to Private*

HJR 19 (1975): Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide assistance to all private and public school students.

Student Assistance

SHB 184 (1975): Allows fee exemption for residents 60 years of age or over at discretion of individual boards of trustees and regents. — *Aid to Elderly*

Tuition/Fees

SB 2517 (1975): Authorizes the University of Washington board to exempt from the nonresident portion of tuition and fees any student admitted to the university's medical school pursuant to contracts with Alaska, Montana or Idaho. — *Nonresident Tuition Exemption*

Miscellaneous

HB 307 (1975): Repeals prohibition against sale of liquor on the University of Washington campus. — *Liquor Sales*

HB 720 (1975): Authorizes the state colleges to offer master's degrees subject to review and recommendation by the council and subject to approval by the legislature if a fiscal impact exists. — *Master's Degrees Approval*

SB 3094, HB 1313 (1976): Establishes the Washington library network and creates the library network revolving fund. — *Library Network*

WEST VIRGINIA

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West Virginia's first regular session of the 62nd legislature convened January 8, 1975. The 60-day regular session which ended March 8 was extended by concurrent resolution to April 14 for consideration of veto messages from the governor, and adjourned April 14 with legislators later called to a special session November 1-5. The second regular session of the 62nd legislature convened January 14, 1976 for a 60-day period ending March 13, but for the sixth time in the history of the state the session was extended to June 30. Legislators recessed on March 17 until May 14 and then adjourned on May 15. Two special sessions were called, the first from June 21-24 for consideration of supplemental appropriations for highways and the second convened July 26 to act on other supplemental appropriations including those for education, but recessed July 30 until November 9. See also Vol. 5, no. 2, p. 111 and No. 4, p. 220, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Information on major appropriations are included in the reports published in *Higher Education in the States* noted above.

Coordination/Governance

SB 173 (1976): Gives statutory authority to two advisory councils previously established — *Regents Advisory Councils*

by the Board of Regents; one council consists of faculty members and the other of students and one member of each council sits with the regents without voting privileges.

Health Professions

State Control of Private Osteopathic School

SB 155 (1975): Provides for the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine to be placed under the control and supervision of the Board of Regents; however, an opinion by the state attorney general concluded that the bill could not be interpreted as being mandatory. During the November special session, SB 64 was passed that contained specific language directing the regents to assume responsibility for the school by January 1, 1976.

Medical Equipment

HB 147 (1976): Appropriates $600,000 to West Virginia University for the purchase of a body scanner for use by the university's school of medicine.

Tuition/Fees

Fees Collection and Use

HB 1079 (1975): Provides for collection, disposition and use of additional registration fees of students enrolled in state colleges, universities and community colleges.

Miscellaneous

Coal Research

SB 153 (1975): Continues and expands the scope of the coal research bureau in the school of mines at West Virginia University.

Mining Engineering

SB 41 (1976): Permits the substitution of an associate degree in mining engineering for a year of practical experience for applicants for mine formeman-fire boss.

Defeated Bills: New Two-year Colleges; Fee Waiver; Rural Medical Practice

Bills introduced in 1976 but not passed include:
SB 512: prohibited the establishment of new community colleges or branches in counties in which public or private colleges exist; other bills related to waiving of fees for certain students and requiring medical students to practice in the state for a specified period of time or repay a portion of the training costs.

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Adoption of the 1975-77 biennial state budget occupied the Wisconsin legislature for the first six months of its 1975 general session which convened January 14. A review of that budget was the main item of business in the 1976 spring session. The legislature convened periodically during 1976. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 112 and No. 4, p. 221, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also faculty/employees)

Operating Appropriation

AB 222 (1975): Authorized $1.3 billion for 1975-77 in total expenditures for the University of Wisconsin System of 13 four-year-degree-granting campuses, 14 two-year centers and extension.

Faculty/Employees

Salary Increases

AB 222 (1975): Average increases for faculty and academic staff of 6.5 percent for 1975-76 and 5 percent for 1976-77 were included in the biennial budget as originally adopted and in the spring session, the average increase for 1976-77 was raised to 6 percent to parallel increases awarded represented civil service employees. Across-the-board increases for faculty and academic staff were set at 3.25 percent and 3.5 percent and the remaining salary increase funds were distributed on the basis of merit. The budget

Sabbaticals

also authorized the initiation of a limited faculty sabbatical program in the second year of the biennium, but included no additional appropriation and limited state fund spending to $200,000.

Health Professions

New Veterinary School

AB 355 (1975, 1976): Authorized a school of veterinary medicine in the system and provided $238,000 in planning funds; however the governor vetoed both the funding and the authorization and called instead for a study of possible funding sources. The legislature restored the authorization without planning funds and the actions were interpreted as a directive not to proceed with further building or program planning unless the next session of the legislature provides for funding to build and operate the school.

Defeated Bills: Collective Bargaining

Bills considered during 1975 and 1976 but not passed included two on collective bargaining, and the issue will be before the 1977 legislature:
AB 511: provided for a broad scope of bargaining and AB 900: provided for bargaining limited to economic areas and was based on a report by a regent's task force that included faculty, administration, students and legislators.

WYOMING

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The 1975 Wyoming legislature convened for its 40-day biennial session on January 10 and adjourned March 1. The first odd-year 20-day legislative session, which was established to deal only with fiscal and appropriations activities, began February 10, 1976. (Bill numbers for the following acts were not provided.) See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 116, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance (see also community/junior colleges and faculty/employees)

Appropriations: Operating

(1975): The total appropriation for the 1975-76 biennium was $136,558,333 for all eight institutions; the university received $120.3 million and the seven community colleges received $16.2 million.

Law School/Observatory Construction

(1975): Authorizes the construction of a new law school building and infrared telescope observatory for the University of Wyoming.

Budget Period

(1976): The time period represented by the biennium budget was changed and the new 1976-78 biennium budget appropriated a total of $161,293,194 to all eight institutions; the community colleges received $20,300,516 and the university received $140,992,678.

Operating

Community/Junior Colleges

Two-year Colleges: Joint Seminars

(1975): Includes community college districts in the statute allowing two or more agencies to jointly plan finance and operate various public seminars.

Budget Levels

(1975): Authorizes community college districts to exceed established budget levels for emergency purposes with the approval of the Community College Commission and concurrence of the governor.

Bond Issues

(1975): Repealed the requirement for community college districts to issue bonds within two years.

Faculty/Employees

Retirement

(1976): Raises the maximum salary contribution to the State Retirement Fund from $12,600 to $18,000, with the employee's and employer's contribution percentage increased from 5.45 to 5.50 percent; part-time faculty who receive less than $1,200 per year have the option to participate in the fund.

Miscellaneous

New Bachelor Degrees

(1976): Authorizes the development and implementation of baccalaureate degree programs at Casper College. Those degrees will be awarded and coordinated by the university utilizing qualified Casper College faculty.

Defeated Bills: Two-year College Mill Levy; Collective Bargaining; Student Loans: Taxes

Bills introduced but not passed in 1975 and 1976 included:
A bill increasing the mill levy for community college districts from four to eight mills for capital purposes, a bill relating to the Wyoming Professional Negotiations Act, several bills relating to the student loan program and a bill that would have authorized an increase in the minerals extraction severance tax which could be utilized specifically for the construction of capital facilities in postsecondary institutions.

CANADA

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Universities Grants Commission
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W. J. Condo, Chairman

Budgets

The only items of legislation passed during 1975-76 provincial legislative sessions relevant to higher education were the amendments to the Universities Grants Commission Act. The effect of these amendments require the institutions to present balanced budgets to the commission for approval. See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 117 and No. 4, p. 225, for additional legislative information.

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ONTARIO

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Harry C. Parrott, Minister of Colleges and Universities

See also Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 118 and No. 4, p. 226, for additional legislative information.

Appropriations/Finance

Operating Grants

(1975): Operating grants to universities increased by 16.9 percent to $568 million for 1975-76 and operating grants to colleges of applied arts and technology increased by nearly 16 percent to $201 million.

(1976): Operating grants to universities rose to $651 million from $568 million for 1976-77 and operating grants to colleges of applied arts and technology rose to $230 million.

Student Assistance

Student Aid

(1975): Grants for postsecondary students under the Ontario Student Assistance Program rose to $49.5 million.

(1976): The 1976-77 budget for the Ontario Student Assistance Program grants to postsecondary students rose to $61 million.

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Legislative Amendments

Considerable legislation was enacted in the 1972-74 period relative to postsecondary education in the province. Amendments to such legislation are anticipated for the 1976-77 legislative session, though precisely what will be included is uncertain at this time but amendments are anticipated to the University of Regina Act of 1974, the University of Saskatchewan Act of 1974, the Universities Commission Act of 1974 and the Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Act of 1965. In 1975 the significant piece of legislation relevant to postsecondary education was the Science Council Act of 1975.

Science Council

The purpose of this act is to establish a council, and a science policy secretariat under the council, to acquire, develop and disseminate scientific and technological knowledge in order to promote the industrial, economic and social development of the province.